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Eviction Of Sind Hindus

INDIA PROTESTS TO PAKISTAN

Refugees Thrown Out At Midnight

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (PTI)

THE Government of India have today sent a note to the Pakistan Government charging them with launching a drive for the eviction of the remaining Hindus from Sind, it is learnt here.

The note is understood to cite instances where refugees from Hyderabad (Sind) had been awakened at midnight and thrown out of their homes.

According to information received by the Government of India, Hindus are being harassed to embrace Islam in the interior areas of Sind, official sources disclosed here today.

Hindu religious places like Brahmo Mandir and the holy shrine of Sadhu Hiranand have been allotted to Muslims and several cases of seizure of Hindu property in Karachi and elsewhere have also been reported.

According to information furnished to the Government of India by refugees, the Pakistan Government have been requisitioning Hindu shops and business premises in an effort to force Hindus out of Sind.

MUSLIM PILGRIMS VISITING PEPSU

PATIALA, Dec. 14 (UPI): A batch of 61 Muslims from Pakistan will visit Rozasaarif burning on the Urs Saarif to be celebrated here from the 16th to 20th December. The party escorted by the East Punjab Police will cross the border on December 17 and will return on the morning of December 20.

The PePSU Government, as last year, is making necessary arrangements for their accommodation and protection during their stay at Sirhind and will also supply rations to the party.

SYMPATHISER OF KANNADIGAS

Mane Ready To Resign

KOLHAPUR, Dec. 14 (PTI): Mr. S. N. Mane, a member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, expressed his "full sympathy" with the feelings of Kannadigas in respect of a separate Karnatak Province.

He said that he was prepared to resign his membership in the Assembly on the issue of Separate Karnatak and Maharashtra Provinces, but added that he would make a final decision in the matter only after discussions with Congress and Karnatak leaders.

AMBEDKAR'S REPLY ON MONDAY

Hindu Code Debate

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14, (UPI): The Parliament failed to conclude discussion on the controversial Hindu Code Bill even on the third day today, although it sat for an extra hour to allow more members to express their views on the Bill

Seven members took part in the debate today and at the close of the discussion at 6 p.m., one hour beyond the scheduled time for the rising of Parliament, there still remained a large number of members who wanted to speak.

The discussion will now continue on Monday, when Dr. Ambedkar will reply to the debate.

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Panchayat Raj!

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 14.

Sarpanchas and other members of panchayati adalats have, in one or two cases reported from the rural areas of Allahabad, passed sentences of "strangulation short of hanging" on some accused persons tried by the adalats.

Owing to party feuds in villages, sarpanchas have fined people for no other reason than walking on the highways. Panchayats are usurping far greater powers for themselves than the Panchayat Act gives them.

Workers Clash In Calcutta

BOMBS THROWN: 12 INJURED

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14, (PTI): About a dozen persons were injured in a clash between two groups of workers of a jute mill in Budge Budge, near Calcutta, this morning. Six of the injured were removed to hospital.

The clash occurred when some workers of the mill on their way to report for duty were attacked by workers who are on strike.

In the melee that followed, a number of bombs were thrown resulting in injuries to about a dozen of them. The police soon arrived on the spot and brought the situation under control. No arrest has so far been reported

Bao Dai Defers Paris Visit

SAIGON, Dec. 14, (PTI-Reuter): Ex-Emperor Bao Dai, head of the Vietnam State who is to leave Saigon for Paris on December 18, may postpone his departure according to a usually well-informed source today.

Opinion was widespread here that the Vietnamese cabinet was soon to be reshuffled, but no official confirmation was available.

Bao Dai may postpone his trip to Paris until the Special Committee completed its task of drafting agreements on the conditions for transfer of administrative power from France to Vietnam, a usually well-informed source said.

The general agreement defining the conditions of the transfer of power, and the provisions governing the relations between Vietnam, France, and foreign powers is expected to be concluded before December 31, the source added

BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME

Dr. Matthai has drawn a rosy picture for next year in his speech before the Associated Chambers of Commerce, Calcutta, recently.

Electricity Cuts In Britain

STRIKE MAY SPREAD

LONDON, Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter):—When darkness fell in London tonight electricity cuts were imposed for the second night in succession. But though electric cookers failed to operate and heaters were dim, the lights did not go out, as they did last night.

Ministers feared that the strike might extend to the country generally. If so, the Cabinet will advise the King to declare a state of national emergency, well-informed quarters predicted today.

For the moment it affects only 3,000 men at four London power stations—including Barking, Europe's biggest.

The blackout last night, when electric current was cut off from many thousands of homes, shops, cinemas and even hospitals for periods varying from one to four hours, was followed by another blackout early today.

The London underground railways ran a reduced service.

The position tonight is uncertain but the authorities hope to maintain 80 per cent of the normal output.

SHEIKH ABDULLAH

LONDON, Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter): Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, Prime Minister of Kashmir State, arrived here by air this afternon on his way to Lake Success and left within a few hours again on the last lap of his journey.

FRENCH INDIAN REFERENDUM BEFORE END OF MARCH

Reports Of Large Scale Intimidation

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (UPI).

THE referendum in the French Indian Settlements will be held before the end of March next, it was authoritatively learnt here today.

Although some points concerning the modalities of the proposed referendum still remain to be settled between the Indian and French Government. It is now gathered that both Governments have accepted the position that referendum would have to be held before the harvesting season, which starts from the month of April in South India.

This receives corroboration from the fact that the international observers acceptable to both Governments are expected to arrive in India early in January next so as to be able to assess objectively the conditions prevailing in those areas in relation to the referendum.

Enquiries reveal that so far eight out of 12 "international observers" have already been chosen. While the remaining four are expected to be nominated shortly, the four observers, according to informed circles are likely to be selected from Asian countries, in accordance with the suggestion of the Government of India.

INTIMIDATION

Reports of large scale intimidation of the pro-merger elements in the French Indian Settlements with the connivance of the French authorities are being received by the Foreign Dept. of the AICC.

According to these reports the pro-merger elements have been threatened that "no activity in favour of merger with India, or even sympathy with it would be tolerated. Some members of the Executive of the Pro-Merger Committees are also reported to have been assaulted, while some others have been arrested on some pretext or other by the French authorities.

French Indian Mayor Suspended

KARAIKAL, Dec. 14 (PTI).—The Commissioner for the French settlements in India has published a decree suspending Mr. R. Subbara Alu Naicker, Mayor of Tirunalur Commune (village municipality in Karaikal) from his office for a period of one month from today.

The order was a sequel to the public meeting alleged to have been addressed by Dr. N. V. Rajkumar, Foreign Secretary, All-India Congress Committee, on November 18 in the Commune during his fact-finding mission.

The Government recently called upon the Mayor to explain how he allowed a public meeting to be convened in contravention of the prohibitory order in force. The Mayor refuted the charge by saying that no meeting as such was held, but that Dr Rajkumar answered certain questions put to him by the people who themselves assembled there spontaneously.

Liberalizing Exports

NO LICENCE FOR NUTS, BOLTS, RIVETS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14, (PTI): The Government of India has decided to allow the export of nuts, bolts and rivets to an permissible destinations without licensing restrictions, the Ministry of Commerce announced today.

This decision, the announcement said, had been taken in pursuance of Government's policy to liberalise exports.

COTTON PIECEGOODS

The Government of India has decided to continue free licensing for the export of handloom and powerloom cotton piecegoods, the Ministry of Commerce announced today.

According to a previous announcement, free licensing was to be allowed only up to the end of December 1949.

ENCOUNTER WITH DACOITS

6 Villagers Injured

AMBALA, Dec. 14 (PTI): About half a dozen villagers were injured in an encounter with armed dacoits in the village of Solkhian, Ambala District on Sunday night, according to reports reaching here today.

It is stated that on that night seven dacoits raided the house of a Sikh, grabbed the ornaments of the inmates and were making away with the booty when they were challenged by the villagers. One dacoit was captured after a 35-minute fight in which the villagers suffered about half a dozen injured. The other dacoits got away.

French Want Money

PONDICHERRY, Dec. 14 (P T I): The repeal of prohibition in the French Indian settlements of Karaikal and Mahe from January 1950 is expected to swell the state coffers by about Rs. 4,00,000 per year, according to Mr. Devasigamani, Councillor for Revenue in the French India Government.

The repeal of this two-year-old measure has been temporarily ordered in order to tide over an estimated deficit of Rs 10,00,000 in the budget, Mr. Devasigamani told the Press Trust of India. "But we are all sympathetic towards the cause of prohibition and will consider its reimposition at the earliest moment," he added.

RETREATING NATIONALISTS ENTER INDO-CHINA

French Patrol Arrests Chiang's Vessels

SAIGON, Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter).

SEVERAL thousand retreating Chinese Nationalist soldiers fled into French Indo-China today, surrendered their arms quitely and were interned.

Others were reported evacuating Kwangsi Province in great disorder towards Hainan Island, in the Gulf of Tonking, where their leader, General Pai Chung-Si, was last week said to be preparing a stand with remnants of other armies escaping from the Canton debacle.

A French naval patrol in the Bay of Along arrested two Nationalist vessels heading for Hainan Island and interned the 150 soldiers aboard, the French News Agency today reported from Hanoi.

GENERAL CHANG CHUN

The Agency also reported from Haiphong, French Indo-China, that another Chinese Nationalist Commander and ex-Prime Minister, General Chang Chun, passed through there at the week-end from Hong Kong.

It quoted informed sources as saying that the ex-Premier had been visiting Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek in Chengtu, last surrounded Nationalist stronghold in Szechuan Province.

He left there and arrived in Kunming last Friday night after the Provincial Governor of Yunnan, General Lu Han had gone over to the Communists.

General Lu interned General Chang Chun but Generalissimo Chiang secured his release by threatening to bomb Yunnan towns, the agency added.

Hong Kong's pro-Communist newspaper "Takung Pao" stated today that General Pai Chung-Hsi was attempting to withdraw his three armies into French Indo-China to join up with the forces of ex-Emperor Bao Dai, of Viet Nam, now negotiating a transfer of administration from France.

REQUEST REFUSED

FRANKFURT: The Anglo-American Joint Export-Import Agency (JEIA) has turned down a request from the Chinese Communist Government to the West German authorities for a "considerable quantity" of steel rails, an American official said today.

He said he did not know the reason but he "supposed it was because the order came from the Communists".

A British spokesman said the Chinese Nationalist Government had ordered the steel rails last October and the contract was approved by the Joint Export-Import Agency at the time.

LONDON: The British Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, refused in the House of Commons today to give an undertaking not to recognise the Communist Government of China until he had a reasonable assurance that British diplomatic and consular officials would be treated with respect.

Bulgarian Treason Trial: Death Sentence On Kostov

SOFIA, Dec. 14. (PTI-Reuter).

TRAICHO Kostov, former Bulgarian Vice-Premier, was today sentenced to death by the Bulgarian Supreme Court which had been trying him on treason charges.

Ivan Stephanov, former Finance Minister, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Four others received sentences of life imprisonment while three were sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment and others to shorter terms down to eight years' imprisonment.

NINE BODIES OF CRASH VICTIMS IDENTIFIED

Enquiry Findings To Be Published

KARACHI, Dec. 14, (PTI).

THE Court of Inquiry investigating Monday's Dakota crash near here is to present its report to the Pakistan Government within a few days, it was learned in usually reliable quarters tonight.

The report was expected to be made public, though a similar report on the first crash of a Pak Air plane in November 1948—was not.

Nine bodies have been identified among the 26 passengers and crew who lost their lives when the Dakota hit a 1,000-foot hill and crashed into a ravine.

Among the identified were Major-General Mohammed Iftikhar Khan who was earmarked to be the first C-IN-C of Pakistan Army, and Brigadier-General Sher Khan. They are to be buried here tomorrow with full full military honours.

Remains being kept here included those of a German, two Britons and five Middle East and North African delegates to the recent Karachi Islamic Conference. It has not yet been decided whether to send home the bodies of the delegates, as they are difficult to identify.

All others aboard, including the crews, were believed to be Pakistanis.

All Pakistan was today in mourning.

Major-General Iftikhar Khan, commissioned from the British Military College of Sandhurst in 1929, was in 1942 a Staff Officer at the Ceylon Army Headquarters, later serving in Burma and Japan.

He had been on his way to Britain's Imperial Defence College for a staff course.

Brigadier Sher Khan, who was going to represent Pakistan at the New York United Nations Security Council discussion on Kashmir, was 37 and regarded as one of the Dominion's most promising army officers. He served in East Africa and Burma during the war and was soon to have been promoted.

TRAINER-AIRCRAFT HITS A TREE

Pilot Killed In Accident Off Quilon

QUILON, Dec. 14, (PTI): A trainer aircraft of the Madras Flying Club hit a tree and crashed over the Quilon airfield this afternoon, killing the trainer-pilot Mr. P. K. Mathew, the only occupant of the plane.

The accident occurred while Mr. Mathew was landing.

The 22-year-old Mr. Mathew was rushed to the hospital, but despite medical help he succumbed to his injuries.

TWO COMMUNISTS RELEASED

Habeas Corpus Succeeds

MADRAS, Dec. 14 (UPI): In the Madras High Court today Their Lordships S. Panchapagesa Sastri and Ch. Raghava Rao allowed the 'habeas corpus' applications of P. Madhavan and K. P. Mahomed Koya of Malabar who are now in detention and directed their release forthwith.

In the grounds of detention it was stated that both the petitioners were members of the Communist Volunteer Corps of Malabar, a organisation banned as unlawful by the Government under the Criminal Law Amendment Act. It was further urged that owing to unsettled conditions in Malabar it was necessary to detain them as the authorities were satisfied that they were about to act or were likely to act in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Their Lordships observed that the continued unstable conditions in Malabar owing to the increasing activities of the Communists had no necessary relation to the conduct of the detenus who were already under detention. Their Lordships allowed their petitions and ordered their release.

Storms Sweep Morocco

80 BELIEVED KILLED

MADRID, Dec. 14. (PTI-Reuter): About 80 people were today believed killed and many more injured in fierce storms which have swept the Spanish Moroccan coast in the last few days and sunk nearly 40 fishing vessels.

Many of the lost fishing boats were wrecked in port.

In Southern Spain an icy gale froze the countryside. Andalusia had its heaviest snow fall for 20 years-nineteen and a half inches falling in Ronda.

EXPLOSION IN IOWA

6 Killed, 100 Injured

SIOUX CITY, (Iowa) Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter): At least six people were killed and 100 others injured in an explosion at the Swift Meat Packing plant here today.

The cause of the explosion was not immediately known.

Estimates of the death roll ranged as high as 30 and some placed the number of injured at 200

Mr. Walter Kebbs, a spokesman for the firm, said: "There is no telling how many may be dead or injured".

MANY ARRESTED IN ASMARA

Foreign Hand In Disturbances?

ASMARA, Dec. 14, (PTI-Reuter): It was officially announced today that police have made a number of arrests following the recent wave of terrorism in Eritrea.

Police said today they had found the hired car used by Eritreans on Monday night when they threw handgrenades at the main gate of the British Information Service offices here. The grenades failed to explode.

The Nationalist Independent Bloc, three of whose leading members were attacked on Monday, has cabled the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Trygve Lie, stating that elements from abroad and not the Eritrean people, were responsible for the terrorist activities The Independent Bloc asked for prompt United Nations intervention and caused the administration of being unable to maintain order

TRUSTEESHIP OF SOMALILAND

Ethiopian Emperor's Fears

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14, (UPI): In a message to the Secretary-General of the U.N.O., His Imperial Majesty Haile Sellassie I, King-Emperor of Ethiopia, referring to the U.N. General Assembly's decision to hand over the territory of Somaliland and other adjacent areas to Italy, has stated that this decision "imperiled" the security of his country.

Nehru Impresses Americans

MADRAS, Dec. 14, (PTI): Dr Mordecai Johnson, President of the Howard University (USA) said here today that Americans were deeply impressed by Prime Minister Pandit Nehru's declaration that India in relation to world affairs would think independently and not allow herself to be drawn into the two antagonistic power blocs.

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(17) & (18) Previous experience in similar positions.

Applications, stating full details of qualifications, past experience, age, pay expected together with copies of testimonials must reach the undersigned on or before the 31st December, 1949. Displaced persons from Bahawalpur State, having the requisite qualifications will be given preference. Applications from retired persons will be considered, if exceptionally qualified and experienced and physically quite fit.

(Sd.) H. H. BANERJEE.
Administrator,
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at 11, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay on SATURDAY, the 31st December 1949 at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report, Audited Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th June, 1949.
2. To elect two Directors in place of Mr. A. N. Vakil and Mr. D. N. Rane who retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
3. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.
4. To transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting with consent of the Chairman.

The SHARE-TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th Dec. to 31st Dec. 1949 both days inclusive.

By the order of the
Board of Directors
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Bombay, 15th Dec. 1949.

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THE PUNJAB BREEDERS, LIMITED

NOTICE

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1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the period ended 30th June 1949.
2. To elect four Directors in the place of:
   Mr. Navinchandra Mafatlal.
   Mr. Chandrakant Mulraj Khatau.
   Mr. Chimanlal Bapalal Parikh. and Mr. Bhagwandas C. Mehta.
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3. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS and Share Registers of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 17th to FRIDAY, the 30th December, 1949, (both days inclusive.)

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1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December 1948.
2. To appoint Directors in place of those who retire from the Board under Article 86, but are eligible for re-election.
3. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.
4. To transact any other business that may be brought forward by the Chairman.

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By order of the
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Secretaries, Treasurers and
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Hyderabad . (Dn.)
10th December, 1949.

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CORRUPTION

Mr. M. S. CHALLA of 680, Parsi Colony, Dadar, Bombay, posted today forty-two Letters (G.P.O. r.l nos. A. 841/60, A. 614/35) To: Their Excellencies, The Governor-General, and Governors of our Nine Provinces, U. K. High Commissioner, The Hons. Presidents, A.I.C. C., B.P.C.C. Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Home Member, Law Member, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Bombay, etc., The Speakers of Legislatures, and Members of our Judicature P.M.G. and Information officer, Bombay. informed.

SUBJECT: "The Corruptionists are not Invincible Lions: but they are Paper-Lions. The Problem is —Your Excellency —How to make them squeak, if they must?"

M. S. CHALLA.

13-12-1949. (1447)

PUBLIC NOTICES

COORG FOREST DEPARTMENT SANDALWOOD SALE NOTICE,

Mercara, the 10th December, 1949.

75 tons of cleaned sandalwood of different classes available in the sandal koti, Fraserpet. Coorg. will be sold in public auction on Thursday the 22nd December, 1949, commencing at 11 A. M. at the Koti. For further particulars apply to the Chief Forest Officer, Coorg, Mercara.

C. M. KUSHALAPPA,
Chief Forest Officer, Coorg.

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EASTERN PUNJAB RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited by the undersigned from the contractors borne on the approved list of the Railway or other Government Departments for the construction of a Bridge to span about 2000 ft. waterway on well foundation over Beas river near Mirthal on Mukerian — Pa.hankot Section.

2. The prescribed tender form with conditions of contract and detailed tender conditions can be obtained from the office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Eastern Punjab Railway, Delhi, on payment of Rs. 5/-. The last date for the receipt of tenders is 14 hours on 5th January, 1950.

3. The work is required to be completed within 12 months from the date of acceptance of the tender.

4. The amount of earnest money to be deposited is Rs. 20,000/-.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER DELHI.

(6618)

G.I.P. RAILWAY

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

DISPOSAL of empties and other condemned commodities available in the Railway Grainshops will be done by public auction at the grainshops godown at (1) Poona, (2) Sholapur, (3) Bhusaval and (4) Igatpuri on January 2, 4, 9 and 11, 1950, respectively at 11 hours.

Particulars of quantities available and conditions governing the auction sale can be obtained free of charge from the office of the Assistant Controller of Grainshops, G. I. P. Railway, Poona.

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BOMBAY PORT TRUST DOCKS

PUBLIC NOTICE.

OWNERS of Motor Lorries are hereby informed that with effect from 5th January, 1950, the entry of vehicles plying in the Bombay Port Trust Docks will be regulated according to a Permit system. Those desirous of obtaining Permits should apply for details at the Office of the Manager, Bombay Port Trust Docks, 1st floor, Bombay Port Trust Administrative Offices, Ballard Estate, Bombay, between working hours on week days.

F. SEYMOUR WILLIAMS,
Docks Manager.

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Karachi Plunged In Gloom

A TWIN-TRAGEDY

KARACHI, Dec. 14, (UPI): Karachi was today plunged in gloom as the people mourned the two grimmest tragedies of the year—loss of 26 lives in the worst air disaster of the Pakistan history which occurred near Karachi on Monday night, and demise of Pakistan's leading divine, Maulana Shabbir Ahmed Usmani.

Maulana Usmani was buried here this afternoon before two lakhs of people.

AIR CRASH

The Pakistan Defence Ministry today [illegible] confirmed that there were no survivors in the Pak-air Dakota crash near Karachi on Monday night, and all the 26 occupants of the ill-fated aircraft were killed.

A communique today said that the aircraft was totally wrecked and all passengers and crew lost their lives.

The two distinguished Pak Army officers, Major-General Iftikhar Khan and Brigadier Sher Khan who died in the crash, will be buried with full military honours tomorrow.

NO ASHES

Sir Sriram who came here last night to carry back ashes of his son Murlidhar and Mrs. Murlidhar who died in the crash flew back to New Delhi this evening with Lala Deshbandhu Gupta, without the ashes.

It is learnt that Shriram motored to Jungshahi this morning, but owing to difficult terrain and strain, he could not himself go to the scene of the crash. Members of his party who visited the site could not get any trace of the dead bodies.

Search parties are still combing the hills for the mortal remains of those killed.

PAK-AIR SUSPENDS ALL SERVICES

KARACHI, Dec. 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Pak-Air has suspended all its services for an indefinite period of time under instructions from the Pakistan Ministry of Defence, it was learnt today.

LIAQAT'S HOMAGE TO AIR CRASH VICTIMS

PESHAWAR, Dec. 14, (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, today offered his heartfelt sympathies to the relatives of the victims of Monday's air disaster near Karachi.

He said: "Pakistan could ill-afford at this juncture to lose some of its ablest officers who, during the last two years, have given their best services to Pakistan. It will not be wrong to call it a national disaster as it has caused irreparable loss to us."

CONGRESS ENROLMENT DATES EXTENDED

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14. (PTI): The dates for enrolment of qualified and effective members of the Congress has been extended by a fortnight, mostly in view of the forthcoming death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on January 30 and the inauguration of the Indian Republic on January 26.

Announcing this the Congress president Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya in a statement says: "Several requests have been made for extension of the time limit for the enrolment of qualified members by a month so that the dead-line for the enrolment of qualified as well as effective membership may be co-terminous, and it is pointed out that this does not disturb the existing election programme as the time-limit of January 15, 1950 is not disturbed.

"This is not correct, as the interval of one month between he last dates fixed for the enrolment of the two memberships has been deliberately planned in order to enable the elections of village panches being completed during the interval and the electoral rolls consisting of elected panches and effective members be ready as early as possible thereafter so as to conduct district and provincial elections.

"In response, however, to the requests, that have emanated from several quarters and more especially in view of the fact that the celebration of the Republic as well as Bapu's death anniversary fall within this period, the dates for both these enrolments are extended by a fortnight so that the qualified membership enrolment must be completed by the end of this month and that of the effective members by the end of January 1950. This gives time for panch election at greater leisure, namely, by the end of February 1950.

GOVERNMENT APPEAL FROM ACQUITTAL

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha & Mr. Justice Chainani)

Government of Bombay .... Appellant
vs.
K. G. Sheksaria ..... Respondent

Their lordships admitted a Government appeal from the acquittal of the respondent, a Bombay businessman residing in Sheksaria Building. The appeal will now come up for hearing in due course.

On 4th November last, the police raided some of the blocks in Sheksaria Building and recovered 228 lbs. of sugar from Block No. 13. The respondent was charged with having failed to declare this stock of sugar on the preceding Saturday in accordance with the Government notification on the subject.

Accepting the defence story that the respondent was not occupying Block No. 13 which was in the occupation of his uncle, but was occupying Block No. 11 in which nothing was found by the police, the Presidency Magistrate who had tried the case had acquitted the present respondent.

The Advocate-General with the Government Pleader appeared for the Government.

HELP FOR SUBURBAN TENANTS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Bombay Suburban District Congress Committee has decided to give all possible help to the tenants of the suburbs in order to bring an amicable settlement of all types of disputes between the landlords and the tenants through intervention, conciliation or arbitration. In case of disagreement, the matter will be referred to the court and all legal assistance will be given to the tenants. Arrangements for legal expert advice have been made.

Those who are in need of any such assistance should contact the President or Secretary of the District Congress Committee direct between 3 and 6 p.m., on any working days at 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, or through the Local Taluka Congress Committees.

Mines Labour Dispute Arbitration

(From Our Correspondent)

BANGALORE (By Mail).

The Government of Mysore has appointed a Court of Arbitration for settling the question of the grant of bonus in which the Nundydroog Mines Labour Association and the Mysore Mines Labour Association, as well as the management of the Mines, have voluntarily agreed to arbitration. The Government has requested that the award may be given if possible within a week or at a very early date.

Mr. C. Abul Ghani, retired Judge of the Mysore High Court, is the Chairman of the Court, with Mr. T. Subrahmanya, President, Mysore Constituent Assembly, and Mr. V. Venkatappa, President, Mysore Representative Assembly, as members.

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A convocation for conferring diplomas to the successful candidates at the examinations held by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay will be held on Jan. 13, 1950. The Governor of Bombay, Raja Maharaj Singh, will deliver the convocation address.

PRODUCTION OF NEWSPRINT

New Hyderabad Venture

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 14 (PTI). —The Sirpur Paper Mills in the Adilabad District of Hyderabad State are being expanded at a cost of over a crore of rupees to produce newsprint, which, it is stated, has not so far been made in India.

The new plant is expected to start production early next year. When the existing and the new paper-making machinery go into operation, they are expected to increase production from the existing rate of fifteen tons per day to forty tons per day.

E. I. R. EMPLOYEES THREATEN STRIKE

Retrenchment In Railway Condemned

BHANBAD, Dec. 12 (P.T.I.): The Central Council of the E.I.R. Employees Union, which met here yesterday and the day before, under the presidentship of Mr. Jaya Prakash Narayan, adopted a resolution stating that the railwaymen would resort to direct action, if their demand for "no retrenchment" went unheeded by the authorities.

The Council felt that their best of co-operation with the authorities in keeping the lifeline of transport going had been misunderstood by the latter as signs of weakness. The Council also criticised the "unilateral move" of the Ministry of Railways in calling upon the railways to effect an economy through reduction of staff, without investigating possibilities of effecting economy by increasing the revenue.

The resolution added that about 79,000 new hands in railways would have been necessary, not to speak of any retrenchment; had the wijudicator's award been implemented by Ministry in toto.

Navy's Role In Nation's Defence

MADRAS, Dec. 14. (PTI): Mr. K. B. Vaidya, a shipping expert of Bombay, emphasised the importance of the navy for the defence of India with her vast sea front.

He expressed the view that instead of linguistic provinces, there could be an economic coastal province from South Canara to Cape Comorin. Such a province will have greater possibilities of development than the West Coast of England, he said.

Wali Of Swat State Abdicates

SWAT (Pakistan), Dec. 14 (P.T.I. Reuter): The 67-year-old Wali of Swat —a tiny State on the borders of Kashmir—abdicated in favour of his son Prince Jahanash, yesterday.

At the colourful ceremony here, Pakistan Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan took the royal cap and a copy of the Koran from the Wali and handed them to the Prince, declaring him the new ruler.

CHUNDRIGAR'S PROPERTY IN AHMEDABAD SEIZED

Application For Share For His Relatives Rejected

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 14.

Strict enforcement of the evacuee property ordinances has been made in Ahmedabad in the case of those who have fled to Pakistan with a view to staying there permanently, leaving their property here.

It is reliably learnt that under the new Ordinance, the authorities have seized property worth crores of rupees belonging to about 300 evacuees, including Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, Pakistan's Ambassador in Afghanistan, who was once a resident of Ahmedabad.

It is further learnt that bank deposits have been transferred to Government treasury and instructions have been issued not to give these deposits without sanction from higher authorities.

An application from Mr. Chundrigar asking for a share of his property for his relatives staying in Pakistan at present has been rejected. India Government, however, have instructed local authorities to look after genuine cases of evacuees.

ALL EFFORTS FOR NEW PROVINCE

Partition Council Work Speeded Up

MADRAS Dec. 14 (PTI): Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Premier of Madras, told pressmen today that all efforts were being made by the Partition Committee appointed by the Government "to expedite its work so as to make it possible for the formation of the Andhra Province before January 26".

The Partition Committee felt that it could settle important issues sufficiently early and that information had been conveyed to the Government of India by the Madras Government, he said.

When his attention was drawn to a report in a section of the press that the Andhra Province would not be self-supporting and that it would be a deficit province to the tune of Rs. six crores annually, Mr. Kumaraswami Raja said that it was a matter to be decided between the new Province and the Government of India. The question of deficit would be there whether the Province was formed now or a year hence, he said.

CHINESE PADDY IN KASHMIR

Production Experiment Successful

SRINAGAR, Dec 13 (PTD): Experiments regarding the desirability of producing Chinese paddy in Kashmir have proved successful, it is learnt here.

About 420 maunds of Chinese paddy were sown in 12 centres in the valley last year. The total produce had been over 10,000 maunds. This paddy would now be used in the next sowing season to bring more land under Chinese variety of paddy.

10-DAY CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN CITY

Inauguration On Dec. 23

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD, Minister of Education to the Government of India will inaugurate the Cultural Sub-Commission of the Indian National Commission for co-operation with the UNESCO, at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan on December 23 at 3 p.m.

PROGRAMME

Apart from prominent cultural enthusiasts from all parts of India, the Education Ministers of C. P., Orissa, Madhyabharat and other provincial and Union Governments are expected to attend the Session.

4-15 p.m. Opening of Art Exhibition by Maulana Saheb. Rare paints, ancient and modern; UNESCO pictures etc.

5-30 p.m. Bombay Governor 'At Home'.

9 p.m. Inauguration of Bhavan's 10-day Cultural Festival by Shri K. M. Munshi, President of the Bhavan, when 'Jaya Somanath' will be staged.

Eminent persons will be presiding on each day's function:

24th December: Harmonised Indian Ragas and Western Classical Music —H. E. Rani Maharaj Singh; 25th December "Chhiye-tej-Thik" Hon G. V. Mavalankar; 26th December "Secretary and "Jyotishi". Mr. Justice M. C. Chagla. 27th December "Kula Vadhu", Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher; 28th December "Indian Classical Music; 29th December "Hamlet": H. E. Raja Maharaj Singh; 30th December "Summer Fury": Hon. G. V. Kitson, Dy. High Commissioner for U.K.; 31st December Varity Entertainment: Hon. N. V. Gadgil; 1st January "Jaya Somanath": H. H. Jam Saheb.

Tickets will be available at the Bhavan and the "Chetna", Rampart Row.

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INEFFICIENCY IN TRAM SECTION

Socialist Criticism Of B.E.S.T. Administration

ABOLITION OF TRANSFER TICKET SYSTEM URGED

BOMBAY, Wednesday

MR. DINKER DESAI, Socialist corporator, said today that the deficit of Rs. 23 lakhs as shown in the Tram Section of the B.E.S.T. budget was due entirely to the mismanagement and utter ineffciency of the B.E.S.T. Committee.

Mr. Desai was criticising the budget at a meeting of the Municipal Standing Committee today. Mr. Salebhai Abdul Kader presided. The budget was adopted by the Committee in toto, before it rose for the day.

Mr. Desai at the outset refuted the claim of the B.E.S.T. Committee that with the addition of 25 American tram cars, the public requirements had to a great extent been met. Citing figures collected from the municipal administration reports, he pointed out that in 1939 when the population of Bombay was less than 15 lakhs, the total accommodation in trams was 20,984 seats whereas in 1948-49 when the population had reached the 30-lakh mark, the total number of seats had increased to only 24,551. Even with the addition of 25 American trams the increase in the total number of seats would not exceed 24 per cent.

Mr. Desai felt that the congestion in trams was bound to continue until there was a proportionate increase in the total carrying capacity in relation to the rise in population. This would mean that the total number of seats should exceed 40,000 in order to relieve congestion.

FARES

The Socialist corporator further pointed out that the tram fares in Bombay were not cheaper when compared to those in European or American cities, if the purchasing power of the people of the respective countries was taken into consideration and particularly in view of the fact that Bombay had the unique advantage getting its power for running its trams from a Hydro-Electric establishment, which was in fact the cheapest source of power.

Mr. Desai averred that it was possible to reduce the existing one-anna fare to half anna in case of industrial workers, if the administration of the B.E.S.T. Undertaking was run on sound and efficient lines. He further categorically declared that the people of Bombay would never tolerate any indirect increase in tramway fares under the garb of abolishing transfer tickets, as proposed by the Undertaking. The contention of the Undertaking that the abolition of transfer tickets would prevent ticketless travel was erroneous. He felt that only efficient administration could prevent such an evil.

Mr. Desai said that there were several ways and means for eliminating inefficiency and also for reducing the expenditure in the Tram Section. For instance, the execution of a programme for increasing the speed of the tram cars would reduce expenditure to a very considerable extent. This suggestion was made by Mr. James Dalrymple General Manager of the Glassgow Corporation Tramways who had visited Bombay some years ago at the request of the B.E.S.T. Company and had submitted a report on traffic reorganisation in Bombay. Mr. Desai felt that if this suggestion was accepted, there would be an annual saving of Rs. four lakhs.

'CHARITY SHOW'

Mr. Desai further criticised the B.E.S.T. administration. He said that the administration had become a kind of "charity show" where favourite persons were given high-salaried posts carrying superfluous duties. He would have given a list of such posts if a copy of the Establishment Schedule had been given to him earlier. The B.E.S.T. Manager was given free quarters in spite of the fast that the Bombay Government had taken objection to this proposal. This action of the Committee was objectionable in view of the Central Government's newly-declared policy to reduce the salaries of the highly paid officials.

Mr. Desai urged that a complete overhaul of the B.E.S.T. administration should be undertaken by weeding out all highly-paid superfluous posts. He was sure that this would result in considerable saving in expenditure, and to that extent a reduction in the existing deficit.

Mr. Desai further affirmed that the main reason for the growing inefficiency of the B.E.S.T. Undertaking could be found in the fact that the composition of the B.E.S.T. Committee was very defective. At present the Committee was dominated by the capitalist class. Moreover the non-Councillors did not enjoy public confidence. The chairman of the Committee was defeated in the last municipal elections. The capitalist representatives on the committee were not interested in running the Undertaking successfully because they had no faith in the municipalisation or nationalisation of industries. It was, therefore, necessary to remove these representatives at the time of the reconstitution of the Committee. It was also regrettable that there was not a single member on the Committee who represented the opposition in the Corporation. This meant the absence of a healthy check on the misdoings of the B.E.S.T. administration.

DIFFICULTIES

Mr. Homi Talyarkhan welcomed the budget in all its important aspects. He said that the only department where the expenses were heavier than the returns was the Tramways. This, however, could not be helped because trams were the most popular form of transport, being used by the poorer classes of the population. As such, no increase in the rates could be considered. The only way in which these recurring losses could be covered was the abolition of the transfer ticket. It was wrong to say that the abolition of this system would cause hardship to the poor, because only 30 per cent of the tram-travelling public took advantage of the transfer tickets. Again, the transfer tickets meant a great loss of time and increased work for the conductor who had to punch no less than seven holes in each transfer ticket, and this having to be done in consultation with the passengers, sometimes resulted in frayed tempers. Besides, the conductor was not able to reach all the passengers and many came in and got out of the trams before the conductor could go to them and collect the fares. Further, because of the transfer system, three conductors had to be put on every tram. If the system was abolished, two would be sufficient.

For all these reasons, Mr. Talyarkhan urged that the transfer system should go and a flat rate of one anna should be introduced. It would be the rate for any and all the distances and it would not cost the passenger any more, since most of the routes were now proposed to be made through and direct.

Mr. Talyarkhan added that the B.E.S.T. was contemplating a half anna fare for distances less than a mile.

Mr Talyarkhan expressed satisfaction at the working of the Services and said that the only complaint that he had heard was from the shareholders. Since the purchase of the Company by the Corporation, the shareholders had not yet received their full distribution of share-money. Upto now only Rs 85 had been paid, and he understood that a valuation of the company by expert auditors had come to nearly Rs 12 crores. The complaint of the shareholders was that further returns had not yet been paid to them.

Mr. S. Velinkar also spoke on the budget.

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Today's Engagements

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY: Mr P M. Lad's lecture at Darbar Hall, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

PODAR COLLEGE OF COMMERCE, MATUNGA: College Day at 5 p.m. Raja Manaraj Singh Governor of Bombay will preside.

BOMBAY TENANTS' ASSOCIATION: Meeting of Reception Committee members of Provincial Tenants Conference at Social Service League Hall, Prarthana Samaj 6 p.m

M. M. COLLEGE OF ARTS, ANDHERI: Fourth annual prize distribution ceremony 5 p.m. Mr. G L. Mehta will preside.

RECEPTION TO MR. DAHANUKAR

To felicitate Mr. M L. Dahanukar on his 60th birthday a reception is arranged at the Taj Mahal Hotel at 5-30 p.m. today when Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay and others will speak

LOCAL SHOWERS IN DARJEELING HILLS

All-India Weather

POONA, Dec. 14. (PTI): The following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday:—

Weather has been dry over the country except for a few showers in the Darjeeling hills.

Night temperatures have fallen appreciably in north-west India.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 15:—Weather will be dry over the country except for local showers in the Darjeeling hills and in Upper Assam.

Night temperatures will fall appreciably in the United Provinces the central parts of the country, Gujarat and Saurashtra and Cutch.

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall inches during the past 24 hours from December 1, 1949, and departure from normal recorded at 08-30 hours I.S.T. on December 14, 1949.

Ahmedabad 85 62 0 0 0, Ajmer 76 51 0 0 minus 0.2, Bangalore 79 57 0 0 minus 0.2, Baroda 86 53 0 0 0, Bhopal 81 57 0 0 0, BOMBAY 84 65 0 0 0, Bhuj 81 57 0 0 0, Calcutta 75 50 0 0 minus 0.1, Calicut 88 69 0 0 minus 0.4, Cherrapunji 57 41 0 0 minus 0.1, Cuttack 80 56 0 0 minus 0.1, Dehra Dun 69 43 0 0.4 0, Delhi 72 46 0 0 minus 0.2, Hyderabad 86 55 0 0 minus 0.1, Indore 80 47 0 0 minus 0.1, Lahore 71 40 0 0.1 minus 0.1, Lucknow 74 52 0 0 0, Madras 85 65 0 0 minus 2.8, Mahabaleshwar 79 59 0 0 minus 0.2, Mussoorie 45 35 0 0.4 minus 0.1, Mysore 81 59 0 0 minus 0.3, Nagpur 82 51 0 0 minus 0.1, Patna 71 49 0 0 minus 0.1, Poona 87 54 0 0 minus 0.1, Port Blair 84 69 0 0.3 minus 4.2, Simla 45 34 0 0 minus 0.5.

Hindi Lessions Through The Radio

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Commencing from December 19, the Bombay Station of All India Radio will broadcast lessons in Hindi at 5 p.m. daily on 5 days in the week (i.e. from Monday to Friday). The programmes which will be of 20 minutes duration is intended to teach Hindi through the medium of the mother-tongue,—Marathi, Gujarati and Kannada. To begin with, the Bombay station will give simultaneously lessons through Gujarati on Bombay 'A' and through Marathi on Bombay 'B'.

Introducing this new feature Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, will broadcast a talk in Marathi at 8-15 p.m. on Friday, December 15. This will be followed by a talk in Gujarati by Mrs. Lilavati Munshi that can be heard at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 17.

TODAY'S RADIO

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor Bhayee Abhang 7-35 Physical education 7-40 Aj Ka Karyakram 7-45 Leela Mehta Geets 8-15 Latafat Husain Bilawal 12-45 Instrumental music 12-50 Leela Mehta Geet 1-10 Geet Gurjari 1-40 Take Your Partners 4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 Nasiruddin Gore Puria 5-15 A. Hameed Khan Been 5-30 Childrens Half-Hour (E) 6-10 Clarionet 6-20 D. G. Sahasrabuddhye Purvi 7-0 Topic of Day 7-10 Locals 7-20 Nasiruddin Gore Lalitagauri 7-45 Kamgar Sabha 8-30 Takhta parna natako by Pransukha Nayak (G) 8-45 "Jadi Butti" by Barkat Virani (G) 9-15 A. Hameed Khan Been 9-30 Songs from films 9-45 Fortnightly sports' review 10-0 "Joan of Arc at Stake" dramatic oratorio.

VARIATIONS

8-0 a.m. A. Hameed Khan - Been 8-45 Kumudini Pednekar— Bhavgeet 1-0 Kumudini Pednekar Bhavgeet 1-30 Geet Gurjari 1-50 Vanita Mandal (M) 6-0 Bhavgeeten 6-20 Calling Rural Listeners 8-15 Kumudini Pednekar Pad 9-0 Narayan Muzumdar Light K. songs 10-0 Latafat Husain.

BARODA

7-30 a.m. Shankarrao B. Gurav Shahanai 7-40 Physical jerks 7-45 Bachubhai Soni Bilaskhani 8-15 Sangeet Shikshan 8-30 Geet Pallavi 5-30 p.m. Mishra Sangit 6-10 p.m. B. Gurav Shahnai 6-30 Gramjano Mate 7-0 Film Fare 7-15 Shankarrao B. Gurav Shahnai 7-30 K. Patel Khayal Vilambit 7-45 Takhtanum avoian: by Jashwant Thakar, (G) (from Ahmedabad) 8-0 Garbi Geeto 8-10 Locals 8-30 Listeners' requests. 9-15 "Jivaji" by Dr. R. R. Marshal 9-30 Bachubhai Soni Jaijaiwanti.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. As in Baroda 8-15 As in Baroda 8-30 Ramanlal R. Dave Khayal Todi Vilambit 5-30 p.m. As in Baroda 6-10 As in Baroda 6-20 Mava Divetia and Party 6-30 Majoor Bhajo Mate 7-0 Mava Divetia and Party 7-15 p.m as in Baroda 7-30 Rakhe Bhulta 7-45 Takhtanum avoian: by Jashwant Thakar (G) 8-0 Violin Par Khamaj 8-10 Locals 8-30 Ramanlal R. Dave Khayal Malkaus 8-45 Garbo Rang Bharlo by Mava Divetia and Party. 9-15 As in Baroda.

AIR NEWS FROM DELHI

English—8 a.m., 1-30 p.m. 6, 9; Gujarati— 8-45 a.m., 1 p.m. 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m. 1-40 p.m., 6-10. 9-15; Kannada— 7-45 a.m., 7-45 p.m.; Malayalam— 7-30 a.m., 7-30 p.m.; Marathi —8-30 a.m., 12-50 p.m., 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m., 2 p.m. 7-15 Telugu—7 a.m., 1-50 p.m. 7

B. B. C.

Thursday Dec. 15

B.B.C. News Schedule and Metre Bands: 6-30 a.m.—31 and 41; 8-30—31 and 41; 9-30—31; 11-30—19 and 25; 12-30 p.m. —13 and 19; 4-30—13 and 16; 6-30—13 and 16; 9-30—19 and 31.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE:

6-45 a.m. From Bicker to Blue Anchor. 7 Hip-Hip Hoo-Roy. 7-30 Land And Livestock. 8 Kathleen Tuchy. 8-15 Balance of Europe. 8-45 Music for Strings. 10 The Promenade Players. 10-30 Wilfred Pickles in "Have A Go!" 11 Sports Review. 11-45 Listeners' Choice. 11-45 United Nations Report. 12 Clifford Curzon (Piano). 12-45 p.m. Souvenirs of Music. 1-30 The Storyteller. 1-45 British Light Music Composers. 2 Tip-Top Tunes. 3-30 Public Opinion. 3-45 B.B.C. Opera Orchestra 4-45 Sporting Record. 5 Melody Mixture. 5-15 Generally Speaking. 5-45 Dance Music. 6-15 Film Talk. 6-45 B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra. 7-45 Radio Rhythm Club. 8-15 Callender's Band. 8-45 Music in Miniature. 9-15 Special Dispatch. 9-45 New Records 10-30 Observation Post.

EASTERN SERVICE:

7-30 p.m. Tamilosai. 8 Radio Se Angrezi. 8-15 Sunne ki Baten. 8-30 Sangras.

Rashtrabhasha Classes

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Rashtrabhasha classes of the above Samiti have reopened at the following centres Those who wish to join the classes should enroll their names at the following centres.

Lamington Road Municipal School, opposite Imperial Cinema. Saturday and Sunday afternoon 3 to 6 p.m.

J. R. Municipal School, Sunday morning 8-30 to 11.

Balmohan Vidya Mandir, Shivaji Park, Dadar.

Park, Dadar, Monday to Saturday 6-30 to 7 p.m.

The Pulse Of The City

STRANGE FIND: A highly decomposed body of a male of about 40, was found lying near the sea-shore on the west side of Samudra Mahal Palace at Mahalaxmi. The Agripada police took charge of the body after a 'panchnama, and removed it to the city morgue The police made inquiries in the locality to trace the relatives of the deceased but so far nobody had come forward to claim the body. The police are making investigations.

NO JOKING: Sardar Singh, owner-driver of a taxi was fined Rs 300, in default three months simple imprisonment, Wednesday, for refusing to furnish the driver's name, licence number and other details to the police, in connection with a traffic offence committed by one of his employees. Chief Presidency Magistrate Oscar Brown, while awarding the sentence observed: "Justice would be a mockery if rich persons go on committing offences because they can smilingly afford to pay small fines."

SEIZURE: The Bandra Police searched a car which was suspiciously parked on the roadside at Kurla Road, Santacruz, Tuesday, and recovered 40 gallons of illicit liquor. Three persons including the driver were arrested.

NO EXTENSION: Presidency Magistrate Nasrulla (Muzagaon Court) turned down a police application for the extension of the bail period of three accused persons who were charged with assaulting a police officer. The Magistrate, while discharging the accused, observed that despite warnings by the Court, the police had not filed a charge-sheet.

NOBLE GESTURE: Leading Sindhis gathered at the residence of Dr. V. K. Desai at New Queens Road, Tuesday, and thanked the Doctor for his generous attitude in reserving one bed in his Nursing Home for refugee patients. Sri Khanchand Gopaldas, the President of the Federation of Sind Panchayats of the Bombay Presidency was among those present.

EXPOSED: In surprise checks made on through and local trains between Kalyan and Victoria Terminus on the G.I.P Railway and between Borivli and Churchgate on the B.B and C.I. Railway, the police have arrested more than one hundred persons, stated to have been found smuggling rice and other cereals into Bombay from Thana District. The drive was initiated towards the beginning of this month and several hundreds of maunds of foodgrains have also been seized.

STABBED AND ROBBED: The Kurla police have arrested Shitalprashad Nathuprashad in connection with the stabbing of Girjaprashad Mahadeo, a mill-hand residing at Vile Parle It is stated that the worker was stabbed by another worker on the Agra Road near Kurla Tuesday night, and robbed of his purse containing Rs. 30.

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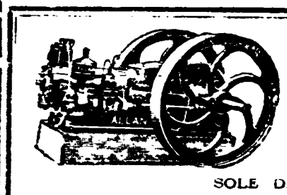
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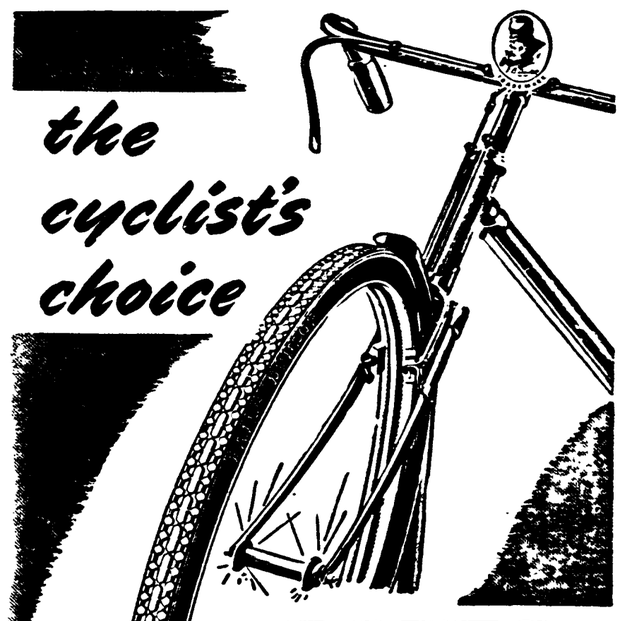
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The Bombay Chronicle

CHRISTMAS CHEER

In contrast with the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, who misses no opportunity of impressing upon his countrymen the gravity of the economic situation and the need for all-round austerity, our custodian of the national finances, Dr. John Matthai, is usually in an optimistic mood. As a psychological value this attitude is to be welcomed, provided it does not lead to wishful thinking and lassitude. The speech that he recently delivered at the annual meeting of Associated Chambers of Commerce in Calcutta was intended to convey a message of hope and confidence for the new year. In so far as it helped to allay fantastic fears on the part of the business community and to present India's economic ills in their proper perspective the speech is to be welcomed. We wish we could say the same thing for a sign that the Government are really alive to the need of urgent remedial measures. While we are prepared to wait till the new year's budget proposals are presented to the legislature we must draw the attention of Government to what we feel are the obvious conclusions to which his account inevitably ought to lead.

One would have expected that Dr. Matthai would offer some explanation for the obvious nonfulfilment of the hopes that he held out at an identical meeting last year. The Finance Member then was almost confident of a sizeable fall in the price level during the current year. Beyond saying that this hope was not fulfilled as a making the best of a purely national improvement in food prices Dr. Matthai did not care to analyse the causes of what to him was an unexpected development. Actually his reference to the level of food prices is mystifying. The Economic Advisers index for food prices for the week ending 19th November 1949 was 404 as against 389.7 a year ago. This complacence is unfortunate as future anticipations depend for their validity on the real analysis of past experience. Dr. Matthai puts in the forefront, now as he did last year, the world factors and our relations with foreign countries. He feels that India's membership of the Commonwealth, its growing friendliness with the U.S.A. and its forthcoming republican status are factors contributing to a cheerful outlook. It is easy to overemphasize these factors and to forget that not only our own salvation but the prospects of constructive help from world factors depend on our own efforts.

Unfortunately on the subject of what we ourselves must do to put our house in order and to benefit by external factors, the Finance Minister is far from specific. We entirely agree with his statement that the stock and gilt-edge markets in India have behaved as well as can be expected in the circumstances and on that score there is no cause for panic. Whether they would not have behaved even better if the policy declarations of Government had been more unequivocal and consistent, as the representatives of the chambers desired that they should be, the Finance Minister did not say. He very rightly ruled out of court an increase in the rate of interest as an inducement to greater investment. Capital formation is slowing down here as in other countries. This is part and parcel of the general cyclical movement that has affected all resources and an increase in the price for investment in the form of higher interest rates can only have an inflationary effect. The obvious conclusion to be drawn from a recognition of slower capital formation must be not only that governmental investment should be curtailed but also that for a reasonable investment in the private sector sufficient surplus must be left in private hands.

Dr. Matthai gave an assurance of reviewing measures of direct taxation so as to be more helpful to industry and agreed that public investment will be slowed down. He was, however, only vague in his statement of policy on public expenditure. If borrowing is slowed down and if we are not to finance public expenditure through currency expansion, it inevitably follows that our public expenditure must be restricted to what we can get by loans and taxation, both of which are expected to yield less than they have done in the past. Defence and rehabilitation being given as high priorities, in the other sectors a severe curtailment is called for. If the Government at the centre fails in this respect, not only do they offer a bad lead to the provinces but they withdraw spending resources from both the provincial and private sectors. We for our part feel that, while a campaign for mobilizing small savings is to be desired on all counts, it ought not to make Governments less determined to launch an economy drive. Unless timely steps are taken to initiate a planned reduction in the central and provincial governments' expenditure, we shall in spite of our better intentions be led to follow unsound methods of finance and we shall be precipitating an inevitable and severe crisis. While the American attitude is one of general friendliness it is significant that their economic evaluation of the Indian situation is not equally flattering.

Next to public expenditure, our production front ought to attract more consistent support from Government. It is no kindness and help to anybody to announce radical proposals for reorganizing industrial and commercial structure and then to withdraw into a shell by announcing that these are only points for discussion and not the considered proposals of Government. Points for discussion are better presented at informal conferences of interested parties, though even here unless Government is determined to outline what it considers to be a desirable and an urgent measure of policy it had best leave well alone for the time being. A production plan, in which the different sectors of employment including agriculture are fitted in and to which all the collaborators, including Labour, have deliberately contributed, is an urgent necessity. Unfortunately there is little of common thought and common planning at high levels in this respect. Let us hope that the interest that the Deputy Prime Minister has recently evinced in this subject is not limited to meeting acute emergencies and that his influence may bear fruit in evolving a comprehensive, consistent and long-term plan. The Finance Minister by himself is helpless, but it is upto him to ensure that the Cabinet as a whole acts up to the obvious challenge of the situation.

Pattabhi's Prattle

The Congress President's speech on the Hindu Code Bill was a pitiful performance. As a piece of misrepresentation and confused thinking, it marks a record even for Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya. Dr. Pattabhi declared, on what evidence it is not known, that the demonstrations outside the House were not against the Hindu Code Bill but against the Congress and Congress institutions. Dr. Pattabhi did not even suggest that the wrath against the Congress was due to its association with the Bill. But he wanted the Congress to withdraw the Bill. There was a rather baffling reference to the Kaiser and what the German Generals advised him, cited in justification of Dr. Pattabhi's criticizing the Government but we do not think that the Congress President really meant to imitate the Generals by asking the Congress to get out of office. We cannot claim to understand what Dr. Pattabhi was meaning to say in this connection. His remark, "After all, remember that we are servants of the people and that 80 or 90 per cent of the people belong to one community", is quite a sinister one. This remembrance can well carry the Congress over which he presides, into extravagances far exceeding the last R.S.S. admission fiasco. If Dr. Pattabhi's assessment of the forces against the Bill and those against the Congress was confused, his impression of the men who drafted the Hindu Code Bill was unjust, unfair and distorted. He said, "People who had not been patriotically inclined, who were steeped in Western civilisation, were put into a Committee, heard some evidence and had evolved this formula. The main inspiring agent of this Bill was Sir B. N. Rau ... who had never lived in the country where Mitakshara Law prevailed. He had been a Judge of the Calcutta High Court, and with his knowledge of British and Dayabhaga Law he initiated the present Bill." Grosser injustice to the jurists who worked on the Hindu Code Bill, could not have been done by any responsible person. When it came to Dr. Ambedkar, the Congress President lost all sense of reason. "I would not call Dr. Ambedkar a misanthrope. He is not an anthrope," might have sounded smart to Dr. Pattabhi but it is a childish frolic which ill-becomes the grey-haired President of the Congress. But the cream of Dr. Pattabhi's buffoonery was when he said, "I am in sympathy with divorce. For a long time I have been thinking of divorcing my wife and I am told that she wants to reciprocate it." For coarseness and vulgarity this is unbeatable. Opposition, one can understand—honest straightforward opposition. But this kind of cutting capers in the public eye is an outrage.

Thought For The Day

Having fixed thy eyes steadily on thy business look at it, and at the same time remembering that it is thy duty to be a good man, and what man's nature demands, do it without turning aside; and speak as it seems to thee most just, only let it be with good temper and with modesty and without hypocrisy.

—MARCUS AURELIUS.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

PRETORIA, December 13: The Nationalist Government were not proceeding with 'apartheid' (segregation) legislation involving the entrenched clauses of the Constitution during the coming session of Parliament, announced Dr. Daniel Malan and Mr. N. C. Havenga, the Afrikaner Party leader, in a joint statement on Monday.

As Mr. Havenga and eight other Afrikaner Party members hold the balance in the House of Assembly, Dr. Malan is unable to implement the Nationalist 'apartheid' policy without their support.

—PTI-Reuter.

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Apropos of the Kashmir Commission's devastatingly logical opposition to the entry of Indian troops into the "mountainous northern areas" on the ground that it "would almost inevitably lead to a renewal of hostilities," informed circles in New Delhi characterise this logic as "a concession to aggression."

It may be that. But how else are hostilities, threatened by prospective invaders from and through Pakistan, to be avoided?

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Explaining India's position in regard to the Kashmir issue Mr. Girja Shanker Bajpai emphasised that considering the military situation in Kashmir there cannot be any large scale withdrawal of Indian forces so long as there is any risk or danger to the security of the State.

But it would only involve a repeater—courtesy visit by tribesmen via Pakistan and by Pakistan men. And that constitutes neither danger to the Security of the State nor aggression, does it?

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Intervening in the Constituent Assembly debate on the Hindu Code Bill, ex-Justice, Dr. P. K. Sen said, "there can be no doubt that the joint family cannot be protected any longer, whatever might have been its glories in the past. In recent years it is the tyranny of the joint family, which has appeared most obnoxious to a very large number of people."

May be the spokesmen of the tyranny prefer the usual ultimate means of removing Tyranny.

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Acharya Kripalani suggested that all marriages should be for five years and at the expiry of five years it should be renewable for another five years.

That was the only worthwhile contribution to the debate in the Constituent Assembly.

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NEW DELHI: At a public meeting in the Ramlila Grounds the other evening the local RSS and Hindu Mahasabha leaders reiterated their opposition to the Hindu Code Bill.—U.P.I.

Good. Champions of culture and civilisation must always rise to protect both from any secular Congress attempt to raise them.

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LUCKNOW. The Hindu Mahasabha has decided to challenge the Congress in the forthcoming general elections, the Secretary of the Mahasabha, Mr. V. G. Deshpande, declared here today.

Better, better. Political mix-ups and confusions tended to cause us a headache. At least they threatened to.

A REBEL TEACHER

By An Old Student

PROF. P. A. WADIA, who enters today the 72nd year of his life, also enters the Golden Jubilee year of his long, honourable and successful teaching career. This is the proper occasion to evaluate his manifold services in education, social work and public life, for he has been a scholar, teacher and public worker all along and has laid not only generations of students but also the community in general under great debt.

Born in 1878, he graduated from the Elphinstone College in 1898 and began his teaching career as a Fellow in the Elphinstone College. He served as a Professor in the different Government Colleges and then joined the Wilson College in 1913 from which he retired in 1938. But he continued to work there as an Hon. Professor till 1945 and till 1947 in the Khalsa and the S.N.D.T. Women's College. He was a member of the Senate, Academic Council and Syndicate of the Bombay University for a number of years and was also the Chairman of the Inter-University Board.

SOCIAL WORK

He has written for a number of journals. He worked as an Assistant to Mr. Malbari and had the advantage of practical training in social work under this great social worker and reformer. He has been connected with a number of public institutions, notably Parsi Charity Trusts, J. N. Petit Institute and Alexandra Girls' High School. He has been an indefatigable adult educator taking classes in Economics and Politics.

He has always been a silent, selfless worker shunning all publicity and power. In the course of his social work and public life, he has always stuck to the principle of love and the values of, life which he always made the centre of all his work. Though he was a target of the most unjust and scurrilous attacks in a certain section of the Press, he never bothered about it, carried on his work quietly as usual and like a true philosopher of love that he is, he took it as a necessary concomitant of public life and refused to believe that anybody could be his enemy.

He is the President of the famous 'Freedom Group' which under his inspiring and presidentship has kept the torch of nationalism burning in the people, especially the Youth.

A TEACHER

The most notable work of this great soul has been, undoubtedly, as a great teacher, who not only inspired and created 'interest' in the subjects he taught by his lectures, but what is more important and valuable always inculcated in them the 'basic values of life', insisting on the principle of love and universal brotherhood, subordination of the smaller, sectional loyalties to the single, larger loyalty to the humanity. There are teachers who expound a set theme ably and who can hold the class in discipline, but one rarely comes across teachers like him who give a wide 'vision' to his pupils and who influence the life of students outside the lecture rooms. Prof. Wadia's versatality is well-known. He taught English, Economics, History, Politics and Philosophy with a freshness of outlook, rather a rare quality. He has been a 'wise' teacher, the result of his cultivation of diverse disciplines.

A REBEL

Prof. Wadia has the courage of his conviction and without caring for its consequences to himself, he has ever stuck to the truth with the result that he has always been a 'Rebel' who emphasised what Laski has aptly termed 'dangers of obedience'. This cost him a position in the Government. Educational Service but then, he never cared for wealth, position or power. At a time, when no teacher dared to come out and criticise openly the Government, it must be said to his credit that Prof. Wadia did. Very few perhaps know that when a Director of Public Instructions sent a circular to all the Colleges—it was during the so-called seditious days of the post—first world war period—re. the Oath of Loyalty, not to take part in politics, to be taken by all the professors, Prof. Wadia who was then in the Wilson College, refused to do so and was prepared to resign. Luckily for the student world, the D.P.I. withdrew the infamous circular. This episode is very significant in the light of the recent ukase of the Government of Bombay re. non-participation in politics by teachers.

STAUNCH NATIONALIST

Prof. Wadia has ever been a staunch nationalist—rising above communalism and provincialism—but his nationalism has never been a narrow one. In fact, he embodies in his person the synthesis of nationalism and internationalism. It could not be otherwise for a man like him, who is a great Biblical scholar, whose whole philosophy of life is based on the Sermon on the Mount, who always preached the eternal values of life and who always had and still has the abiding faith in "the oneness of the human spirit in whose refulgence all distinctions of East and West pale and disappear".

To his many pupils, he has been and still is the guide, friend and philosopher, for he has looked upon his students not as 'subjects' to be coached but as living beings to be moulded into a new pattern so as to enable them to play their part in the New India to be. His is a genial soul, warm-hearted, simple, ever-loving with a keen sense of humour. Those who have the privilege and the good luck to come in closer contact with him know his infectious power of inspiration and the refreshing experience of a talk or a discussion with him. Despite all the disillusions of the second World War and its aftermath in the world in general and our country in particular, when most of the educated have turned cynics, Prof. Wadia has still remained the 'incorrigible optimist' with full faith in the human spirit and infects his optimism in those who are in closer contact with him by his unanswerable arguments.

A VISIONARY

It is not necessary to mention here all his works. But, his "M. K. Gandhi A Dialogue in interpretation" has done an immense service in laying bare the various aspects of Gandhiji's philosophy. His works on Economics especially "Wealth of India" and "Our Economic Problem" have given a new orientation to the study of Indian Economics and his various addresses show that for him it is the faith that matters. He prefers to remain a 'visionary'.

The following quotation aptly describes this beloved and revered teacher of thousands of students and his spirit:—"The complexities of the social organisation of our own times make the task of grasping the truth difficult; but if the few who can understand have in them the love that constitutes the foundation of all life and well-being, we shall have the Kingdom with us here and now".

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Sorry Spectacle

There will be no two opinions on the fact that it is the primary duty of a local body to attend to their civic duties first. But many of our city fathers think otherwise. The affairs of the Bombay Corporation during the last few months present a sorry spectacle. The Corporation is being used as an arena for political battles. Thwarted in their desire to induce the majority party to bend a little, the Opposition is resorting to obstructionist tactics. Corporation meetings are being used for political propaganda and party squabbles. The rules of the Corporation, which require the consent of two-thirds of the councillors present to discuss an urgent item, are being used by the Opposition to harass the majority party. So every urgent item has to be brought up before a specially convened meeting of the Corporation. This leads to loss of precious time and money which can be more profitably employed. The Congress Municipal Party cannot be absolved of all blame as there has been a tendency on its part to throw out or shelve proposals just because they came from the Opposition. This is a very unfortunate attitude to take. City fathers should judge all proposals on their merits in the interests of the city and its people. On the admission of the Mayor himself, party relations have been strained. It had been the tradition of the Corporation to grant priority to any member to move a resolution. This privilege was denied to an Opposition member, which has complicated further the situation. The Mayor has made an appeal to leaders of all parties in the Corporation to meet and come to an understanding with regard to urgent items for which priority might be asked for. We would suggest that the Mayor should go further and appeal to all city fathers, to keep out politics from the Corporation Hall and cencentrate on their civic duties.

Now The Whirlwind

The Big Powers, that is to say, the United States and the Soviet Union jointly sowed the wind when they brought about the creation and establishment of Israel. Now that achievement in cultivation has produced its crop of whirlwind, which must be reaped by the United Nations. As a Tel Aviv cable says, Israel has formally proclaimed Jerusalem its national capital in direct defiance of the U.N. decision to internationalise the Holy City and the Knesset (Parliament) voted unanimously to hold its next session there next week. This is, unfortunately, a historic sensation. For, in the several years of the existence, the U.N. ignored and by-passed often, has never yet been treated to such a thorough, open and direct defiance. It is a defiance which just cannot be ignored. The United Nations must either take overwhelming measures against Israel or submit and liquidate itself. What will the United States do? Support Israel and thus, ironically, become the executioner of the United Nations?

Not Enough

Dr. Daniel Malan has according to a Pretoria report, had to drop something which, without doubt, was —and still remains—dear to his heart. The Prime Minister and his ally, Dr. N. C. Havenga, leader of the Afrikaane Party, have announced in a joint statement that the Nationalist Government is not proceeding with Apartheid (segregation) legislation involving the entrenched clauses of the constitution during the coming session of Parliament. Dr. Havenga had expressed opposition to proposed legislation in the beginning too. But later on he seems to have yielded to his superfanatical ally, so that Dr. Malan found himself in a position to proceed with "Apartheid" legislation. Now apparently Dr. Havenga has again changed his mind and returned to his original stand so firmly as to force Dr. Malan to give up his plan. The present decision is a victory for world opinion over Dr. Havenga and Dr. Malan. But it solves no fundamental problem. Because something worse has been given up—perhaps only temporarily —it does not make the already intolerably bad a welcome or acceptable alternative. What is intolerably bad and outrageous is racial discrimination, which all the White Parties, Smuts', no less than Havenga's and Malan's, are equally determined to pursue, complete with inhuman details, as a matter of unalterable and eternal policy. It is racial discrimination, which is the fundamental issue between White South Africa and that part of the world, which has a human conscience and which is neither so dishonest nor so cowardly as to ignore the dictates of that conscience.

Community And Individual

"I am afraid I do not see the point about the Hindu religion being in danger. Hindu religion is not in danger when Hindus are thieves, rogues, fornicators, black-marketers and takers of bribes. Hindu religion is only endangered by people who want to reform a particular law. May be they are overzealous but it is better to be overzealous in things idealistic than corrupt in material things....." Strongly put no doubt but we are glad that someone had the courage to speak out in Parliament. Acharya Kripalani went on to ask the Hindu community to divest itself of false notions about their religion. "Our religion" he said, "was not made by thieves and murderers; it was made by sadhus, sanyasins and mahatmas." The Hindu Code Bill, however, has not been framed for either extremes. It is a social measure, planning for individual and social growth. As such it is a Code for ordinary men and women, and it is in this capacity that it has to be considered. Except for Mr. P. K Sen, none of the speakers paid the least attention to this aspect of the problem. Much is being said about "society" and "religion" as though these are entities in themselves. This has been the millstone round our necks for generations. It is time that we began to grow out of this kind of thinking. As Acharya Kripalani forcefully put it, they only come in when we are in an obstructive mood, never as an incentive to service. It is surprising that in discussing the Bill not one speaker has referred to the various measures for reform in Hindu Society which have been given up by individual movers because of their preference for a wholesale reform.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Jute Export Trade

Since our Government have controlled the Jute Goods price the Mills are absolutely off from the market with the lame excuse that our Government have placed huge orders with the Mills for Argentina to cover their whole production But is it not true that the said orders are only for Hessian Cloth? And what then about the sacking goods?

I have seen the relative circular in which the shipment time is given from November to July 1950 and the orders have been according to the manufacturing capacity of a mill.

I agree with the mills that there is still an acute shortage of Jute, but may I ask how some of them are ready to deliver any quantity of Jute goods at 10 per cent above the fixed price? Then is it not more a question of money than shortage of Jute?

The fixation of price is all right as it was based on manufacturing costs, whereby both Mills and Shippers will be benefitted. But I cannot understand how our Government have fixed some prices for the manufactures of different Groups producing different qualities. Should not the price be fixed according to the qualities of products of mills of different Groups?

The Raw Jute in the Indian Union has appreciably improved and the present proposal of the Association has increased the working hours to 42 1/2 hours obviously indicates this. May I expect the mills will again come in the market in the near future.

There is also a strong rumour in the market that Government will confiscate all qualities of Hessian cloth for distribution in the U.S.A. Market.

In my opinion Government should seize both Hessian and sacking without delay and distribute it amongst shippers who can prove the bonafides of their sales, so that every shipper may get a quota according to their selling capacities instead of sitting idle and sustaining loss.

—SUSHIL KUMAR DE.

Calcutta.

A Pity!

It is a pity that the legislators have found it proper to put the interest of the Karnatak Province above that of the country! The question is not that of principle or should not be that of principle as so much of propriety. Great Britain survived through a horrible war because its people and its legislators fought like one man. The day our people learn to put the interest of the nation above that of self and community, would be the day of our national emancipation in the real sense!

—R. G. HONAICA.

Teachers Unemployed

The discontinuance of English in the lower standards of Secondary Schools in this province has created many problems which demand proper solution. In the first place one wonders whether the students studying English for a brief period of four years only would be able to understand the texts or even lectures in English when they will go in for University Education. Secondly, secondary schools in rural areas are the worst victims of this policy. As the number of pupils in these schools is considerably reduced, many schools are facing extinction and a large number of teachers are being thrown out of employment every year. Men and women who have spent the greater part of their life in the teaching profession are unceremoniously deprived of their jobs for no fault of theirs. Cannot the Government of Bombay see to it that these unfortunate teachers are suitably provided for in the new scheme of Primary Education as Adult or Attendance Education Officers?

—S. R. SHIKHARE.

Malvan.

Footage Restriction

With reference to your comments in your issue dated 9th December on the above subject, I may state that the restriction on the length of films was introduced by Government after due consultation with the Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association. There can therefore, be no question of any vehement protest. The protest has been voiced by producers in the South, due to certain peculiar conditions prevailing there. This restriction is, therefore, not at present in force in Madras Province.

Certain difficulties have been caused in respect of pictures under production when this restriction came into force. It is hoped that exemption will be given in legitimate cases where it will not be practicable to reduce the length. Another difficulty has arisen because exemption certificate is required from each and every Provincial and State Governments, where the restriction is in force. This Association is in correspondence with Government on this subject and it is hoped that these difficulties would be solved.

—L. K. MENON,
Secretary, The I.M.P.P.A.

Unhygenic Hutments

Nowadays it has become a common thing to encroach upon municipal land illegally and to erect upon it unauthorised structures.

There are some such huts in the open space situated just opposite our building at King's Circle. Really it is a matter of deep regret that the Municipal authorities are dummy witnesses of this sort of encroachment.

As these hutments are unauthorised there are no sanitary arrangements. These huts are occupied by people of doubtful character.

In a well educated, cultured and tidy suburb like Matunga and King's Circle, where on the one side people of culture and education are staying just opposite to them on the other side open business of prostitution is going on, which is really a matter of shame. Also some of these persons are carrying illicit liquor business.

Is it not most ridiculous that when our city fathers are discussing a plan of removing the prostitutes residing in the hearts of the city to some distant place, this sort of menace is being allowed by the Municipal Corporation in a well cultured suburb like King's Circle?

—T. K. VORA.

Our Rationalist Mentors

There are people in India, nurtured in the old traditions of British Rule, educated in schools and colleges staffed with Britishers unsympathetic to Indian sentiments and thoroughly soaked in the writings of Mill and Spencer, to whom everything Indian is a subject fit for condemnation! They lose no opportunity in giving their countrymen a piece of their mind exhorting them to discard their evil practices, real or imaginary, quick enough if they don't want to go to perdition! These gentlemen are so equipped that they are incapable of recognising anything worth preserving in our character. Under the guise of being rationalists, they exhibit a mental state which is nothing but an inferiority complex. They are so enamoured of western civilization and culture, that they would make, without the least reluctance, a clean sweep of all that is our heritage, if it were in their power. One such is a certain professor whose periodical tirades against his countrymen for their effrontery to stick up to non-rationalist practices, inspite of his repeated letters of condemnation of this behaviour in a Bombay paper is a great source of fortitude to us! It keeps us reminding what pitfalls we have to avoid! His latest discovery in two letters in that paper (5th inst.) that if Gandhiji had remained only (Mr. Gandhi and not Mahatma) there would have been no Pakistan, has swept us clean off our feet! Is it not an original piece of research work? For my part I was aghast with wonder! The professor thinks that all our misfortunes are traceable to our Hero-worship and nasty habit of giving titles to leaders. Of course receiving OBE., KCIE., and such other trains of letters after one's name from our British masters in the past or putting prof in brackets before one's name as the learned gentleman does in three letters does not fall under that category! I am at a loss to understand his reference to "The great Winston Churchill". Though he is a mere Mr. and no title was conferred on him, it does not prove that there was no hero worship. We are not likely to forget that he was made a super-man, almost a demigod and placed on the highest pedestal by his countrymen and their satellites during World War II. As regards his grouse against reporting in Indian Press of our Prime Minister's American tour, he seems to have overlooked the fact that it is the American Press that started the ball-rolling, and if the Indian Press have erred they are in good company! Would the professor kindly oblige us by naming the country, where heroes and hero-worship are scornfully thrusted aside, so that we may try in all humility to make her our Guru to attain salvation, that is, our lost individuality, as he puts it?

—V. R. SHIRODKAR.

Cambay.

A.I.R. School Programme

The school programme broadcast from AIR Bombay is really very useful for students. But it is a matter of great regret that the students cannot avail of it. The schools close at 5 p.m. while this programme begins at 4-30 p.m. Is this programme therefore meant for the pensioners or for women at home? I would therefore request AIR Bombay to change the time from 4-30 p.m. to 5-15 p.m. so as to enable the students to listen to it.

—PARMANAND MALPEKAR.

Vile-Parle

Pre-Primary Education

I have read with great interest the remarks of Mr. Sayaidain, the Educational Adviser to the Government of Bombay, on primary education. Recently 11th class was held at Gwalior and generally 300 teachers take advantage of this opportunity every time. Thus nearly 3,300 teachers have so far taken the training and they, as teacher-demonstrators can be utilised to train at least five lovers of children who would like to take up to these part-time jobs. Within a year we can spread the net in such a way that every taluka town has one pre-primary education school. The scheme does not need funds as it needs men to act and similar other facilities.

—L. D. DIXIT.

Taxes And Sugar

Beharampur Sugar Co., Ltd., has paid in the form of Income and Super Tax Rs. 2,27,767-15-0 for the period of 1938-1948; U. P. Government cane cess Rs. 32,05,071-6-0 for the period of 1940-49 and Sugar Excise Duty Rs. 50,50,974-6-6 for the period of 1940-48.

The above taxation costs are typical of all sugar companies. The figures are illumining but by no means complete.

The Provincial Governments not to be outdone have added Sales Tax and have further crippled the industry by levying a heavy License tax on the disposal of molasses in the interests of Prohibition.

Thus the cost of Government forms a major item in the ultimate cost of such a vital article of food as sugar, and all talk of checking inflation and reducing prices is meaningless, unless Government first put their own house in order.

—V. M. SARAIYA.

One More Day To Debate Hindu Code

BILL NEEDS FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Dr. Tekchand's Criticism

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (P.T.I.).

PARLIAMENT again adjourned today without taking a decision on the Hindu Code Bill as reported by the Select Committee. The debate is expected to conclude on Monday.

During today's debate Dr. Bakshi Tekchand, former Judge of the Lahore High Court, said that both supporters and opponents of the Bill had behaved like fanatics. The Bill needed more consideration on merit.

The objective before the House should be to secure full benefit to the women members of a Hindu family with the least disturbance to the systems that prevailed in various parts of the country today. He was afraid that the Bill as it stood would do the "maximum mischief to Hindu society and the minimum of good to women."

Mr. Gokulbhai Bhatt (Rajasthan) supported the demand that the bill should be passed only after obtaining a mandate from the people. He was opposed by Prof. K. T. Shah, who gave his support to the Bill "wholeheartedly and unconditionally.'

Mr. V. I. Muniswamy Pillay, Harijan member from Madras, extended his "strong support" to the Bill and said that whenever any bill aimed at social improvement was introduced there was bound to be opposition.

Sardar Hukam Singh, former Judge of the Kapurthala High Court, wanted that the Hindu Code should not apply to the Sikhs.

Acharya Kripalani who had the previous day described the Hindu Code as a "side issue", sprang a surprise on the House by coming out wholeheartedly in support of it. To lend weight to his argument, he said among other things that his fellow countrymen generally lacked a sense of humour and hence his speech on Tuesday had been misunderstood.

Mr. O. V. Alagesan remarked amidst laughter that if the women supporters of the Bill would wait longer they might even succeed in imposing the matriarchal system of Malabar on the entire country, as they could persuade, seduce or otherwise influence men.

At the intervention of the Chair, he withdrew the word "seduce."

SERIOUS PURPOSE BEHIND HUMOUR

Kripalani's Support

Acharya Kripalani continuing his speech today said that he wanted to conclude his speech "in a serious manner". As a nation the people of India lacked humour and could not penetrate to the serious purpose that lay behind humour. "My support to the Bill is whole-hearted", he declared amidst cheers," and rests upon very sound grounds, on the foundations of the character and traditions of Indian womanhood."

He came from a community where there was no joint family and where the women were educated and could be considered modern. But their attachment to their homes had not diminished.

Mr. Gokulbhai Bhatt (Rajasthan) said that the question before them at present was not whether the Hindu Law should be codified or not. They had to ascertain the opinion of the public on the proposed bill. The Rau Committee toured the country for only two months and during that period it did not and could not ascertain the wishes of the 30 crores people in India.

His one complaint was that only about 60,000 copies of the Bill had been printed and circulated both by the Central and Provincial Governments. This meant that the villagers had been left out completely and not consulted.

Mr. Bhatt suggested that the best way to ascertain the wishes of the people regarding the Bill would be to include it in the election manifesto of the Congress during the forthcoming election. That would serve as a practicable referendum on the Bill.

He would, however, like the Bill to be postponed for a number of years. But if that was not possible he pleaded for the adoption of a middle course in the matter. He appealed to the Government and the Prime Minister to accept his suggestion of finding a "golden mean" between the two opposing viewpoints.

Dr. Bakshi Tekchand said that an argument was raised by the opponents of the Bill that the Parliament was not competent to enact the Bill and that it was an attack on Hindu religion. It should be rejected forthwith.

He pointed out that the abolition of Sati in 1829 the Removal of disabilities Act in respect of inheritance in 1850, the Widow Remarriage Act of 1856, Removal of Disabilities Bill of 1916, the Succession Act of 1929, the Sardha Act, the Deshmukh's Bill of 1937 which introduced radical change in respect of succession and Sagotra Marriage Act passed by the Legislature in 1946 and Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava Bill passed in April this year were all illustrations of the Legislative interference in Hindu Law.

MUTILATED MEASURE

Dr. Tekchand criticised the attitude of the supporters of the Bill, who, he said, were more fanatical than the opponents of the Bill.

"I emphatically say that the Bill is the most truncated, mutilated and half-hearted measure which will do maximum harm to Hindu society with minimum good to women", (Cheers) said Dr. Bakshi Tekchand.

One of the provisions of the Bill was that women's right to succession or inheritance would not apply to agricultural land which constituted 90 per cent of the properties of the Hindus. Daughters and sisters would be excluded from the succession to a large portion of properties which would also include dwelling houses.

Supporting the principle of monogomy, Dr. Tekchand said that already such a measure had been enacted in Bombay and Madras. "I am a wholehearted supporter of the provisions that Hindu should marry only once and should have only one wife", he said.

Mr. Lakshmi Narain Sahu: "In Utkal (Orissa), there are three lakhs women more than the men population and what will happen to them if a man has to have only one wife"? (Loud cheers).

Continuing Dr. Tekchand said that the provision relating to divorce was great mistake. It made provision for the dissolution of sacramental marriage in line with the provisions of civil marriage.

ANOTHER DAY

After Bakshi Tekchand had spoken, Mr. Satyanarayan Sinha, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, offered on behalf of Government to allot half a day more for the debate, i.e. half of Saturday. Later, however, the House, and Mr. Sinha on behalf of the Government, agreed to continue the debate on Monday instead of Saturday.

As no member of the Jain and Sikh communities had spoken, Mr. Ayyangar called upon Prof. Shah to speak for the Jains.

Mr. Mahavir Tyagi "Protested" against the ruling and said: "The Chair's benign eye should not make any distinction between any caste or creed or any minority or majority".

Mr. Ayyangar said that Mr. Tyagi had thoroughly misunderstood him. Fortunately or unfortunately there were communities in this country and as the Bill extended to Jains and Sikhs and none of their representatives had spoken so far, he would now call them first.

Mr. Tyagi suggested ironically that the Chair might fix percentages for speakers.

Mr. Ayyangar (with some heat): The Hon'ble member will kindly see that it is improper for him to use this language.

WOMEN THINNING

Prof. K. T. Shah speaking "not as the representative of any community but as an Indian citizen", supported the Bill wholeheartedly and unconditionally. There could be no question about the competence or correctness of the House dealing with a bill of this kind.

In the country as a whole, while women were in a majority at birth, beginning from the age of 15 onwards their numbers thinned and they formed a minority of the population. He thought this was because of the unequal treatment given unconsciously as between boys and girls.

Mr. V. I. Muniswamy Pillay Harijan member from Madras extending his "strong support" to the Bill said it would add another feather to Dr. Ambedkar's cap.

Mr. O. V. Alagesan (Madras) said that if it was desired that the Hindu Code Bill when enacted should not remain a dead letter, it should not be rushed through, "The Bill pulls down the House in which we have been living," he said.

MALABAR SYSTEM

Mr. Alagesan said that if women supporters of the Bill waited a little longer, they could impose the Malabar matriarchal system on the country, (Laughter). After all, women could persuade and seduce men to do so.

At the intervention of the Chair, Mr. Alagesan withdrew the word "seduce".

Continuing however, in the same vein, Mr. Alagesan referred indirectly to Acharya Kripalani's speech and said that "overnight a satire was converted into a sermon". If the women could bring this about, they could do anything.

Mr. Alagesan "warned" women that the provision for divorce would harm them more than it would harm men. He favoured monogamy without the right of divorce. It was reported that in Paris recently there had been a hundred per cent increase in the number of divorces. He was afraid that the Bill would usher in "Paris to India".

At six p.m. one hour later than the usual time the House adjourned till tomorrow.

Stop Press

DON'T PERPETUATE NIZAM

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 14 (PTI): Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Socialist leader, asked the people of Hyderabad tonight not to support the move for a United Hyderabad, for it meant that the Nizam would stay. He was addressing a gathering of over 50,000 people from the grandstand of the historic Fateh Maidan in Hyderabad City.

THE VOICE OF KASHMIR

Sheikh Mohd. Abdullah, has left for New York on December 13, to assist Mr. B. N. Rau, India's permanent representative with the U.N. in New York, in presenting India's case before the Security Council when it takes up for consideration the UNCIP Report. The group photo was taken before the departure of Kashmir Premier at the Palam Aerodrome. At right of Sheikh Abdullah are Mr. J. N. Zutshi and Maulana Mohd. Sayeed Masoodi, General Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference. At his left are Pandit Moti Ram Dogra, M.C.A. and Mr. Vishnu Sahai, Secretary, Kashmir Affairs.—P. I. B.

QUESTION HOUR

Indo-Bhutan Treaty Of Friendship

NO INTERFERENCE IN STATE'S INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION

Indians In Malaya—Treatment Of Khan Brothers—Minimum Wages Act—Kashmir Incident

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (PTI).

THE Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, in a written reply to Pandit Mukut Bihari Lal Bhargava laid on the table of the House a copy of the treaty signed between India and Bhutan at Darjeeling in August 1949.

The treaty says that there shall be perpetual peace and friendship between the Government of India and the Government of Bhutan. This treaty shall continue in force in perpetuity unless terminated or modified by mutual consent. The Government of India undertakes to exercise no interference in the internal administration of Bhutan.

On its part, the Government of Bhutan agrees to be guided by the advice of the Government of India in regard to its external relations. So long as the treaty remains in force, the Government of India will pay the Bhutan Government annually a sum of rupees five lakhs. The Government of India shall, within one year from the date of the signature of the treaty, return to the Government of Bhutan about 32 square miles of territory in the area known as Dwangiri.

OTHER PROVISIONS

The treaty provides, among other things, that Bhutan shall be free to import with the assistance and approval of the Government of India, from or through India into Bhutan, whatever arms, ammunition, machinery, warlike material or stores may be required or desired for the strength and welfare of Bhutan. This arrangement shall hold good for all time as long as India is satisfied that the intentions of the Government of Bhutan are friendly and that there is no danger to India from such importations.

Bhutan agrees that there shall be no export of such arms, ammunition, etc., across the frontier of Bhutan either by the Government of Bhutan or by private individuals.

The treaty also provides for extradition. Any differences and disputes arising out of the application or interpretation of the treaty shall, in the first instance, be settled by negotiation. If within three months of the start of negotiations no settlement is arrived at, the matter shall be referred to three arbitrators whose judgment shall be final.

August 8, 1949, when the treaty was signed corresponds to the Bhutanese date "The Fifteenth day of the sixth month of the Earth-Bull Year."

Dr. Keskar said in a written reply to Mr. Ajit Prasad Jain that negotiations were proceeding between India and Nepal with regard to the terms of a proposed new treaty.

KHAN BROTHERS

Pandit Mukut Bihari Lal Bhargava asked the Prime Minister whether Government's attention had been drawn to the reports published in the various Indian newspapers about the inhuman and barbarous treatment meted out to the Khan brothers in prison by the Pakistan Government. He also asked whether Government had received news of the various protest meetings held in different parts of the country and requesting them to intervene in the matter and to bring to the notice of the U.N.

Pandit Nehru said in a written reply: "Government do not interfere in the internal affairs of a foreign country and hence have taken no action in the matter. But individual members of Government share the concern of the public in India at the reports received and earnestly trust that the Khan brothers, who played such a notable part in the struggle for the freedom of this country and who are loved by large number of people both in India and Pakistan should receive the treatment and high consideration which is their due."

Dr. Keskar said in answer to Mr. Lakshminarayan Sahu that the added contribution of India to the United Nations Organisation for the current year on account of the devaluation of the rupee was estimated at Rs 8,28,060

BREEZE IN HOUSE

There was a passage at arms between Prime Minister Nehru and Mr. H. V. Kamath in Parliament during question hour today when the term of office of the former Ambassador to Turkey was under discussion.

Pandit Nehru said in reply to Mr. Kamath that the Indian Ambassador to Turkey had returned to India on the expiry of his term. The selection of a suitable person as Ambassador would take some time and meanwhile there would be a Charge D'Affaires in Turkey.

Mr. Kamath: What were the substantial achievements of our Ambassador in Turkey during his tenure of office.

Pandit Nehru: I wonder how the list could be prepared if a list had to be made of the substantial achievements of any of us in the Government or of members of this House.

Mr. Kamath asked why the term of the former Ambassador to Turkey was not extended in spite of the fact that he did very good work in London and saved a few thousand pounds, as the Prime Minister had stated in the last session, on the Brazil barley deal.

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, who was in the chair, said that the question need not be answered.

Pandit Nehru said that he did not mind giving an answer to any question but he would ask the chair whether it was proper to make insinuations in the shape of a question.

Mr. Kamath said that what he had stated was in the proceedings, and hence there could be no insinuation.

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, said that it was not right for any member to make insinuations. He had been noticing this tendency often and hereafter members would take heed.

Replying to Mr. Kamath, Mr. Ayyangar said that it was the exclusive privilege of the Government to appoint or not to appoint a particular person.

Mr. Kamath. "With due reference to the chair....."

Mr. Ayyangar called for order and asked Mr Kamath to sit down.

Mr. Kamath: That is very strange .....

Mr. Ayyangar asked Mr. Kamath to observe order and to sit down.

Mr. Kamath: I have sat down sir (laughter).

Pandit Nehru said on behalf of Government that it was his regret that any member of the House should treat the chair in the manner in which Mr. Kamath had treated.

MALAY INDIANS

Dr. Keskar said in reply to Mr. Mahavir Tyagi that of the 6,27,000 Indians in Malaya, it would be reasonable to estimate that more than 50 per cent were eligible to become Federal citizens according to the Federal Agreement, under which citizenship could be acquired by birth and by application.

As regards Indians arrested by the Malayan authorities under the emergency regulations and repatriated to India, upto November 13, 1949, 295 Indian nationals along with their dependants were thus 'repatriated'."

The number of Indians detained in Malaya under the Emergency Regulations upto October 31, 1949, was 270. They were detained on suspicion that they were assisting or were likely to assist in subversive activities in the country.

The Labour Minister, Mr. Jagjivan Ram said in answer to supplementaries that all possible steps were being taken to expedite the implementation of the Minimum Wages Act by he Provincial Governments.

In a written reply to Sardar Hukam Singh, Pandit Nehru said that the Government of Kashmir made a report to the Government of India that Wing Commander Smith was taken from Pakistan to Srinagar in a United Nations plane when the validity of his permit for his journey had expired. Enquiries showed that there was nothing 'mala fide' in this incident. The Government of India had pointed out to the Commission the desirability of restricting the use of U.N. planes to U.N. official purposes and the Commission had issued suitable instructions in the matter.

NEHRU'S TOUR EXPENSES

Prime Minister Nehru gave a written reply to Mr. Lakshminarayan Sahu in Parliament on the expenses incurred on his recent visit to America and England. He said, 'exact figures are not available as accounts have not been received yet.

The principal items of expenditure incurred were air passage from Bombay to London and back and hotel bills in London on the outward journey to the United States.

The President of the United States was good enough to send his own aircraft to convey our party from London to the U.S. and back. In the United States the Prime Minister's party were guests of Government, and in Canada they were guests of the Canadian Government. On return from America, the U.K. Government were good enough to offer their hospitality in England.

"Those who accompanied me at Government expense were the Secretary-General, my Private Secretary and an Under-Secretary of the Minister of External Affairs. My daughter also accompanied me on this tour, but her expenses were paid for privately and not charged to Government account"

WOMEN POLICE WERE ONLY VISITORS

Not On Duty, Says Deputy Speaker

The Deputy Speaker Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, informed Parliament today that women police were in the gallery yesterday not on duty but only as spectators.

Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Congress President, had connected their presence with security measures in connection with the Hindu Code and had taken strong exception to it.

It appears that one or two police women came into the ladies gallery to listen to the debate (Laughter). They were not there on duty and had no functions of any kind to perform. The Hindu Code is such an interesting subject that no lady can avoid listening to the debate (More laughter). I shall however take care to see, if that is the wish of the House, that police women are not admitted even as visitors".

Mr. Sondi: Let us not be harsh on them.

Mr. Ayyangar: If any suspicion is created that we are guarding this House with the police, I would like to keep this House beyond all such suspicions (Cheers).

GOVERNMENT IS ONE

The Commerce Minister, Mr. K. C. Neogy, declared in Parliament today: "Government is one and indivisible and so long as one Minister is present, he is competent to represent the whole Government".

He was replying to Mr. Mahavir Tyagi, who pointed out when the House reassembled after lunch that the sponsor of the Hindu Code Bill, Dr. Ambedkar, was not in his seat.

Even as Mr. Neogy was replying, Dr. Ambedkar entered the chamber followed by a "chaprassi" carrying a heavy bundle of books.

BANARAS: About 300 persons demonstrated against the Hindu Code Bill in the streets of Banaras today. The demonstration was organised by the Hindu Dharam Sangha.

Some shops in the city observed hartal today as a protest against the police lathi charge on anti-Hindu Code demonstrators in Delhi.

Three Crores Travel Without Ticket!

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14. Over 3,24,00,000 persons travelled without ticket in Indian railways from January to June 1949, and Rs. 92 52,000 had been collected from them, said Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State, in Parliament reporting the encouraging results of the special measures against ticketless travel.

Students' Strike

AGRA, Dec. 14. (UPI): The students of the local Agra College today absented from the terminal examination. The students, it is stated wanted a probation leave of fifteen days.

Engineering Exhibition

INDIA INVITES 45 COUNTRIES

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (PTI): India has invited 45 countries to participate in an exhibition of engineering activities relating to conservation and utilisation of water, power and allied research, it is learnt. The exhibition will be held in Delhi in January 1951.

The exhibition is being organised simultaneously with meetings of three international bodies which will be attended by 300 to 400 leading engineers of the world. These bodies are the International Commission on Large Dams, the World Power Conference and the International Association for Hydraulic Structure Research.

The Central Board of Irrigation, which functions as the National Committee for India for these international organisations, has offered to provide special import and transport facilities for exhibits received from foreign countries.

Among countries to whom invitations have been sent are Australia, Canada, Ceylon, Egypt, France, Britain, Hungary, Pakistan, Poland, South Africa, U.S.A. and U.S.S.R.

INTEGRATION DUE TO REVOLUTION!

Jayaprakash Gives No Credit To Sardar

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 14 (UPI):—"Integration of the States in India after independence is not an achievement of the States Ministry, but an effect of the mass revolution" asserted Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, the Socialist leader, addressing a mammoth gathering of over 30,000 people at the Fateh Maidan Grounds this evening This integration he added, was effected by the States Ministry, for the purpose of administrative conveniences and to retain the premier position of the Maharajas and Nawabs.

At the outset, Mr. Jayaprakash recalled the events that forced him to leave the State when he last visited Hyderabad two years ago and said: "Though I am here again without any restrictions, the man that was responsible for sending me back is still the head of the Government".

Referring to the Instrument of Accession said to have been signed by the Nizam, Mr. Jayaprakash asked: "Who was the Nizam, to sign the Instrument of Accession on behalf of the State? He neither represents the State nor enjoys the confidence of the people. It is the people of the State who will have to execute this" he declared.

DON'T RUSH HINDU CODE BILL

Shivnath Katju's Plea

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 14.

Mr. Shivnath Katju, advocate son of the Bengal Governor, in a statement to the press asserts that a "vast majority of people do not like Hindu Coce Bill. It is a mistake to rush the Bill through the present Legislature."

"The present memoers of the Constituent Assemoly," he says, "have no mandate from the electorate to speak on issues involved in the Bill. The provisions of the Bill make revolutionary changes in the existing structure of Hindu society and they need not be imposed on unwilling people."

"If the joint family goes," Mr. Katju states, "girls in a majority of cases will be placed in a position of great disadvantage. The altered state of law will promote the growth of spinsters, a feature which Hindus never liked. Is it desirable that the institution of joint family should be wound up at a time when people are wading through an unprecedented wave of economic crisis?"

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

Previous Closing	30.16
Today's Opening	30.15
Difference	—1
Today's Closing	30.16
Difference	Nil

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Dec. 14.

	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Silver Forward	173	2	0
Gold Forward	113	4	0
Silver Bullion	172	12	0
Silver Mint	173	0	0
Gold Ready	114	4	0
Sovereign	76	0	0

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 14. (PTI-Reuter): Firm but quiet conditions ruled on the London Stock-Exchange today at the start of the new trading period There was however a certain amount of speculative activity which produced usetul rises in German and Japanese loans.

Overseas rails were in keen demand and Bolivar Railway "a" stock advanced seven points as sixfour.

British Government securities and industrial equities were steady to occasionally firmer. Small gains were shown by Textiles, Irons and Steels.

Rubber shares made further upward progress on improvement in the price of the commodity. Oils were without a definite trend and coppers remained quietly steady

This trading period will be of three weeks duration and will cover the holiday period. The account normally lasts for two weeks, three weeks being unpopular among Stock Exchange dealers and usually bringing long periods of idleness.

South African non-producers were firm on local demand today. Dividend payers were quoted ex-December payments some of which were recovered in later dealings.

COMMONWEALTH AID TO BURMA

A Foreign Minister To Consult Nehru

RANGOON, Dec. 14, (PTI/Reuter): U Maung, Burmese Foreign Minister, announced today he would fly to New Delhi on Friday to discuss with Pandit Nehru, "certain maters concerning Commonwealth aid to Burma".

He told reporters he would stay 24 hours in the Indian capital.

There had been no response so far from the Soviet Union to Burma's expressed desire to exchange diplomatic representatives, he said.

On the war in China, he stated that retreating Chinese Nationalists were not near the Burma border, and that Nationalists who crossed the frontier would be treated "in accordance with international law."

HAGUE AGREEMENT RATIFIED

Communists Vote Against

BATAVIA, Dec. 14. (PTI-Reuter): The Indonesian Republican Parliament, meeting in Jogjkarata today ratified The Hague agreement for the transfer of sovereignty in Indonesia by 226 votes to 62 with 31 abstentions.

The Communist Bloc and part of the Socialist group voted against ratification.

All sixteen Indonesian States have now ratified the agreement. The Constitution of the new United States of Indonesia will be signed here tonight.

THREE THOUSAND MILLION DOLLARS!

Marshall Aid Programme For Next Year

CHICAGO, 14. (PTI-Reuter): The Economic Cooperation Administration will ask Congress for "a little over 3,000 million dollars" to carry on the Marshall Plan in 1950-51 Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, E. C. A. Administrator said today

U.K.'S MOTOR EXPORTS HIT THEIR TARGETS

The Society of Motor Manufacturers & Traders Ltd., has published information to the effect that in the first six months of this year the monthly average of car exports from U.K. was £5,500,000 (Rs. 7,35,00,000 approx.) and commercial vehicles £3,500,000 (Rs 65,00,000 approx.).

These figures correspond with the target set by the Government for attainment by the end of the year, and were higher than for any previous half year.

Figures given do not take into account the export of Tractors which in the period under review, totalled 38,000 units, an increase of approximately 30 per cent over that of the similar period for last year.

It is learned from the Ford Motor Company that of the total quantity exported, 42 per cent were Fordsons, the actual percentage of Fordsons in the Agricultural bracket being considerably higher as the 38,000 units mentioned include all types of tractors right down to the small Horticultural type which, in some cases, are used purely for garden work.

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For supplying bread unlawfully and at a higher than the controlled price, JOSHEPHER MERIEZIES was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 200 or in default to undergo one month's rigorous imprisonment on each count.

For unlawfully supplying hot milk, HUSSEIN MOHOMED RAZAK was sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and fined Rs. 100 or in default to undergo one month's rigorous imprisonment.

For unlawfully selling bread, ABDUL RAHMAN JUMA was sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 50 or in default to undergo two weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

Toufique Hussain of Anjuman-i-Islam High School is seen turning a ball from Mody of Bharda New High School to leg in the final of the Harris Shield Inter Schools cricket tournament, which resulted in a seven wicket victory for the former school.

ANJUMAN-I-ISLAM SCHOOL RETAIN HARRIS SHIELD

Toufique Hussain's All Round Performance In Final

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Anjuman-I-Islam High School had little diffoculty in retaining the Harris Shield Cricket Championship for senior teams in schools.

At the Parsi Gymkhana ground today, they beat the Bharda New High School by seven wickets largely because of Toufique Hussain's great all-round display.

Toufique dismissed six batsmen for 55 runs in the second innings and then went on to make an unbeaten 57 to give his side victory.

Bharda New High School (First Innings) 195

Anjuman-I-Islam High School (First Innings) 259

Bharda New High School (Second Innings)

K. F. Peddar lbw T. Hussain 7, P. K. Rao b Hussain 45, P. J. Mistry b Munaaf 5, Jagdish Kumar b T. Hussain 3, D. R. Mody c Lajmi b Kader 16, K. A. Patel c Lajmi b Hussain 51, M. M. Advani b Hussain 15, S. G. Katki b Kader 20, G. A. Lakdavalla Not out 9, T. K. Lonavala b Kader 1, H. S. Ghai b Hussain 4, Extras 13, Total 189.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1 for 34; 2 for 55; 3 for 63; 4 for 67; 5 for 97; 6 for 135; 7 for 173; 8 for 183; 9 for 184 10 for 189.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: M. Farooque 5—1—19—0; A. I. Kader 13—6—25—3; K. A. Munaaf 10—2—31 1; S. Saifuddin 1—0—10—0; A. A. H. Kazi 2—1—13—0; A. R. Mukadam 1—1—0—0 T. Hussain 23.3—4—55—6; V. S. Lajmi 10—2—23—0.

Anjuman-I-Islam High School (Second Innings)

A. S. Kader c Peddar b Patel 28; A. Hamid lb Mody 12; S. Saifuddin lbw Mody 4; T. Hussain not out 57; A. R. Kader not out 15; Extras 10 Total (for 3 wkts. Decld.) 126.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1 for 13; 2 for 21; 3 for 80.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: D. R. Mody 12—4—29—2; K. F. Kader 18.2—7—38—0; H. S. Bhajan Ghai 4—1—9—0; B. J. Mistry 2—0—9—0; K. A. Patel 6—0—31—1.

Aussies Refuse To Invite Jap Swimmers

SYDNEY, Dec. 14. (PTI-Reuter).

The Australian Amateur Swimming Union today decided not to invite Japanese swimmers to Australia.

Overtures already received from Japan will be ignored.

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION HOCKEY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Bombay Gymkhana have showed a great deal of improvement in every outing this season and once more with a grand display they were able to snatch full points from Dreamland Sports Club. They won by two goals to nil. Both goals were scored by Wilson in the second half.

Earlier, Boy's Own Club beat R.I.N. "B" by four goals to two. H. Pires, M. D'Souza, J. Fernandes and N. D'Souza scored for the winners, while J. Martins and Hatfield scored for the Navy.

In the first match of the evening Mazagoan Docks "A" beat Khatau S.C. by a solitary goal registered by C. Black. All the abovementioned Second Division games were played at the Bombay Gymkhana Ground.

Telegraph R.C. who were scheduled to play Bombay Parsi S. A. failed to put in an appearance due to their exams being in progress and so conceded a walk over.

In the third division games played on the Parsi Cyclists ground. Lever "B" beat B.P.T. "B" by a solitary goal scored by Machado and Globe S.C. beat Burmah-Shell by three goals to one. Amir scored twice and Hussein once for Globe, while N. D'Souza reduced the margin for the opponents.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage

3-45 p.m. Dockyard 'A' vs. BPTA. 4-45 p.m. Tata 'A' vs. Xavier's 'A'. (Senior Division).

Bombay Gymkhana Ground

4 p.m. Young Sports 'B' vs. Juvenile S.C., 5 p.m. Lever S.C. 'A' vs. Dockyard 'B', (Second Division).

Parsi Cyclists Ground

3 p.m. Telephone Club vs. Dockyard 'C', 4 p.m. B.I.C. Insurance S.C. vs. Christ Church and Barnes (Third Division).

Police Grounds Naigaum

3 p.m. Khatau S.C. vs. General Motors, 4 p.m. G.I.P. (Carr & Low) vs. R.I.N. Pay Office, 5 p.m. Thana Dist. Police vs. Panchgani Parsis 'A'.

BILLIARDS

Byculla Y.M.C.A.

6 p.m. M. N. Antia (-160) vs. G. E. Dazzly (-325). 8-15 p.m. M. Concessio (-350) vs. A. R. Khan (-50).

Gujerat Colloge Annexe Championship

GUJERAT-KATHIAWAR GROUP UNIVERSITY SPORTS

ANAND, Dec. 13.

The sixteenth Meet of Gujarat-Kathiawar Group of Inter-collegiate Sports, University of Bombay, was held at the Vithalbhai Patel Mahavidyalaya on Vallabh Vidyanagar grounds on the 10th and 11th of December, 1949, under the Presidentship of Sjt. Bhailalbhai D. Patel Gujarat College, who were declared the champions, finished the day with an aggregate of 30 points.

A. S. Patel of the M. N. College, Visnagar, collected 13 points to his credit and thus he had the honour to win the individual championship. There was keen competition in most of the events in which twenty Colleges participated. The following are the results:—

GAEKWAR CRICKET CUP.—Gujarat College, Ahmedabad.

BRACEWELL HOCKEY SHIELD—Baroda College, Baroda.

SIR CHINUBHAI FOOT-BALL SHIELD— Gujarat College, Ahmedabad.

VITHALBHAI PATEL VOLLEY-BALL SHIELD— V. P. Mahavidyalaya, Vallabh Vidyanagar.

100 METERS— 1. Nagarwala K. G. (Gujarat College), 2. Pereira N. M. (Baroda College). Time: 12.3 secs.

200 METERS RUN— 1. Patel A. S. (M. N. College, Visnagar), 2 Pereira N. M. (Baroda College). Time: 25.2 secs.

400 METERS RUN— 1. Nagarwala K. G. (Gujarat College), 2. Patel S. B. (Baroda College). Time: 59 secs.

800 METERS RUN— 1. Patel H. L. (L. S. Law College, Ahmedabad), 2. Desai N. R. (L. D. Arts College, Ahmedabad). Time: 2 minutes 20 seconds.

1500 METERS— 1. Patil S. B. (Baroda College), 2. Joshi H. C. (Dharmendrasinhji College, Rajkot). Time: 4 minutes 52.6 seconds.

110 METERS HURDLES: 1. Patel J. V. (V. P. Mahavidyalaya), 2. Embrose Christian (Gujarat College). Time: 19.5 seconds.

PUTTING THE SHOT: 1. Kher N. J. (Gujarat College), 2. Sarang L. C. (M.T.B. College, Surat). Dist. 29 ft. 9½ in.

DISCUSS THROW: 1. Kher N. J. (Gujarat College), 2. Sarang L. C. (M.T.B. College, Surat).

RUNNING BROAD JUMP: 1. Jadeja V. D. (Samaldas College, Bhavnagar), 2. Patel A. S. (M. N. College, Visnagar). Dist: 18 ft. 4½ in.

HIGH JUMP: 1. Solanki Cyprian (Gujarat College), 2. Sarang L. C. (M.T.B. College, Surat). Height 5 ft. 2 in.

POLE VAULT: 1. Jadeja J. S. (Dharmendrasinhji College), 2. Sharma N. C. (L. D Arts College, Ahmedabad). Height: 10 ft.

HOP-STEP AND JUMP: 1. Parikh R. C. (Samaldas College, Bhavnagar), 2. Patel A. S. (M. N. College, Visnagar). Dist: 37 ft.

WRESTLING 124 LBS. AND UNDER: 1. Sheikh K. N. (H. L. Commerce College, Ahmedabad), 2. Brahmbhatt N. C. (M. N. College, Visnagar).

WRESTLING 135 LBS. AND UNDER: 1. Brahmbhatt A. M. (Gujarat College), 2. Sonar N. M. (Pratapsinh Commerce College Baroda).

TENNIS SINGLES: Winner: D. K. Gaekwar (Baroda College). Runner up— Pratap Naidu (Gujarat College).

TENNIS DOUBLES: Winners: Gopaldas P. H. (B. V. Mahavidyalaya, Vallabh Vidyanagar), and Padukone K. P.). Runners up— Mehta R. J. (Samaldas College, Bhavnagar) and Dave B. J.

Sjt. Bhailalbhai Patel gave away the prizes.

Second "Test" On The AIR

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

All India Radio, Bombay, will broadcast a running commentary on the second unofficial Test Match between the Commonwealth XI and Indian XI to be played at the Brabourne Stadium from Friday, December 16 onwards.

The timings of the relay will be:—

10-40 a.m. to 12-50 p.m.
1-50 p.m. to 3-45 p.m., and
4-00 p.m. to 5-05 p.m.

LUSITANIANS SCRAPE HOME

Supervision In Senior Hockey On The Decline

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Surprise was caused in this evening's Senior Division Hockey match between Lusitanians "A" and the Times of India "A" when the much fancied side for the coveted honours—Lusis—just managed to scrape home winners by a solitary goal at the Cooperage.

The Pressmen were strengthened this evening by the return to their ranks of their hardworking forward Frank Correa and also L. D'Souza. The deep defence was relieved of much of its burden of bearing the brunt of the attack of a particularly dangerous forward line, by their forwards managing to keep the ball in their opponents half and enjoying a better share of the exchanges.

Not satisfied this season with giving a very display of supervision of the games at hockey headquarters the upmires have either started turning up late or not at all.

This evening's match commenced fifteen minutes late and substitutes had to be arranged as no officials turned up. A spectator from the audience took the field as substitute. The spectator was relieved fifteen minutes before the breather and that too by an unqualified official. An altogether sorry state of affairs for an Umpires Association that is claimed to be the best in India.

The only goal of the match was scored with a grand effort by Reggie Rodrigues who was helped by a gift shot from the Pressmen's pivot Tony Vaz. The latter deflected the bal into the goal. A corner hit saw Reggie break in, after dribbling and scoop into goalmouth from baseline. Tony Vaz tried to intercept with his hand but the ball deflected into the goal. This all important goal was scored two minutes before the interval.

First Division Match

Earlier in the evening Bombay Area Army beat Young Comrades 'A' by a solitary scored by Arjun Singh midway through the first half.

PAREL HOCKEY LEAGUE

B.E.S.T. Beaten By G. B. Police

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

In the Parel Hockey League, this evening played at the St. Xavier's College ground only one match produced a conclusive result.

Greater Bombay Police scored a solitary goal win over B.E.S.T. Sports in the Senior Division. Though the Tramwaymen enjoyed a major share of the exchanges they were prevented time and again from being effective, in goal area by the brilliant defence work of the Police backs Naganwalla and Stokes. Kamgale scored the all important goals for the winners in the second period of play, fifteenth minute.

B.E.S.T. had a chance to save a valuable point but Faria blundered by scooping the ball right into the goal-keeper.

Earlier, Blue Wizards drew with Young Rovers neither side being able to score and in the other match B.S.N. Sports Club were concerned in a goalless draw with Metal Box S.C.

Pakistan's No. 1 Player To Play In Asian Tennis

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14 (PTI).

Iftikhar Ahmed, Pakistan number one tennis player will participate in the first Asian Lawn Tennis Championships to be held here between December 22 and January 1.

Information was received here this evening by the Honorary Secretary of the All-India Lawn Tennis Association that Iftikhar Ahmed and Khokhar had been nominated by the All-Pakistan Lawn Tennis Association to compete in the Asian Championships. They will participate in men's singles and men's doubles.

WELL EARNED TROPHY

The Raja Sahib of Cooch giving away the Open Singles Championship trophy to Narendra Nath in the Delhi Lawn Tennis Championship.

Vasant And Kantawalla Go Down To Yugoslav Pair

BENGAL LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Vasant is India's No. 5 and had won the All India Hard Court and Western India Lawn Tennis Championships last year.

In the first set the losers fought well to lead at one stage 4-3, but the Yugoslavs made a rally and took the next three games and the set. In the first game of the second set the umpire called deuce four times, but the Indians failed to take the lead. Later they simply faded away and received two games on the errors of their opponents.

The scores were: Mitic and Branovic beat Vasant and Kantawalla 6-4 6-2.

M. Branovic of Yugoslav and Mrs. W. Bell of Calcutta were mildly surprised today when D. Madhav Rao (Madras) and Mrs. S. R. Mody (Bombay) beat them in the mixed doubles of the Bengal Lawn Tennis Championships in straight sets at the Eden Gardens.

Mrs. Mody holds the mixed doubles title together with India's No. 1 Dilip Bose, who however could not defend it due to illness. Branovic is Yugoslavia's No. 2. He had earlier won his third round match in the men's doubles with his countryman Mitic, Yugoslavia's No. 1.

Quarter-final and semi-final stages have been reached in the championships.

Following are the results of today's important matches:—

MEN'S SINGLES (Fourth Round): N. Kumar beat T. Shewaramani 6-0 8-6; S. C. Misra beat P. K. Roy 6-2 6-4; K. B. Madan beat E. Abrecht 7-5 6-0; Narendra Nath beat D. Madhav Rao 6-1 6-3.

LADIES SINGLES (Second Round): Mrs. S. R. Mody beat Mrs. C. E. Cargin 6-4 9-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES (Third Round): Narendra Nath and B. M. Thapar beat B. Hammond and L. Gantzer 6-0 6-2; K. B. Madan and N. Kumar beat Vishnu Mohan and Madhav Rao 6-4 6-3; D. Mitic and M. Branovic beat J. M. Kantawalla and G. Vasant 6-4 6-2; S. C. Misra and P. N. Murti beat C. E. Cargin and D. Stilliard 6-3 6-2.

MIXED DOUBLES (Second Round): Narendra Nath and Miss P. Khanna beat Kantawalla and Miss Woodbridge 6-2 6-4; S. C. Misra and Miss V. Alexy beat N. Kumar and Mrs. Umfreville 6-4 6-3; D. Madhav Rao and Mrs. S. R. Mody beat M. Branovic and Mrs. W. Bell 6-4 6-4.

Pakistan Decides On First Rate Tennis Club

LAHORE, Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter): The formation of a Tennis Club of Pakistan on the lines of the Cricket Club of India is under the consideration of the All Pakistan Lawn Tennis Association it was learnt here today.

The club will be located in Lahore with twelve tennis courts and a 'grand' pavilion on the Wimbledon model.

The scheme is expected to materialise before 1951 and it is hoped that the club will be the venue of the Asiatic Lawn Tennis Championships be held in Pakistan in 1951.

COMMONWEALTH SIDE ARRIVES FROM POONA

Governor To Lunch With "Test" Teams On First Day

BOMBAY Dec. 14 (PTI): The Commonwealth Cricket Team arrived here this morning from Poona to play the second "test" at the Brabourne Stadium commencing on Friday 16th.

All the members of the Indian "test" team who were medically examined this morning were found physically fit.

The Governor of Bombay, Raja Maharaj Singh will arrive at the Cricket Club of India at 10-30 a.m. on the 16th Mr. A. S. De Mello, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India will receive His Excellency and present to him the members of the Four Sub Committe and later both the teams on the ground His Excellency will lunch with the teams on the first day of the match.

Messrs N. D. Karmarkar and J. B. Patel have been chosen to umpire the "test".

F. A. Cup Soccer

LONDON, Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter).

The following are today's F.A. Cup (second round replays):

Southend United two, Wrexham zero. (Southend now meet Blackpool at Blackpool in third round); Gates head one, Newport County two. After extra time. (Newport County now meet Port Vale at Newport in third round); Ipswich Town one, Chelmsford City zero (after extra time) (Ipswich town now away to West Ham United in third round).

PERCY EDWARDS IN GREAT FORM

Alec Sequeira Cup Handicap Billiards

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Top-seeded Percy Edwards was in an irresistible form this evening and defied the "heavy impost" of 625 points and won his match in the Alec Sequiera Cup Handicap Billiard Tournament against H. J. Presswaa, beating the latter by a very great margin.

While Presswala scored only 136 points after wiping out his handicap of 50 points, Percy during the same time had rattled up a huge score of 875, in exactly 125 minutes.

Scoring almost every time he paid a visit to the table Percy had many useful breaks during the two hours play. His best being those of 30, 72, 37, 32, 72, 38, 69, 51 and 39.

In the other match played this evening at the Byculla YMCA., F. Mascarenhas starting with a handicap of 175 points accounted for M. R. Allana in a dull match. The latter had a disadvantage of twenty-five points at the start.

The margin by which Mascarenhas beat his opponent, and the play it was apparent that Mascarenhas has been let off lightly in the handicap. He won by 250 points to 126. His best breaks were of 38,21, 32, and 24.

HARD COURT TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Six Foreign Stars To Play In Hyderabad

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Dec. 14 (PTI): An All-India Hard Court Tennis Tournament will be held at the Mahdi Jung Tennis Stadium under the auspices of the Hyderabad Lawn Tennis Association from January 9 to 15 next year.

The Secretary of the Association Mr. A. R. Reddy told the PTI today that six foreign players of international reputation who are now participating in the Asiatic Tennis Championships at Calcutta, will also take part in the Hyderabad tournament.

Matches will be conducted in men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, mixed doubles, boy's single and boys' doubles.

N. B. A. RECOGNISES MOORE AS CONTENDER FOR MILLS' TITLE

Two Right Crosses And A Dash Against Edge Of Ring Sends Leonard Morrow 'Out'

OHIO, Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter): Archie Moore (12 stone 5 pounds), of Toledo, beat Leonard Morrow (12 stone, 7 pounds), of Cakland, California here last night to earn recognition by the National Boxing Association as logical contender for the world light heavyweight title held by England's Freddie Mills.

Morrow went down after 30 seconds of the 10th round from two right crosses to the head. His head struck the wood at the edge of the ring canvas and Morrow was still "out" when he arrived at St. Vincent Hospital.

The fight was arranged for 15 rounds and Moore seemed to be on top from the eighth in which he had Morrow groggy.

Morrow was down for a count of five in that round and for one of seven in the ninth. He appeared to be in poor shape when he came out for the tenth in which the fight soon ended.

In June of last year Morrow knocked out Moore in the first round.

S. Punjab-Delhi Match To Be Played On Delhi

PATIALA, Dec. 14 (PTI): The Southern Punjab Cricket Association has agreed to play their next Ranji Trophy fixture at Delhi from January 9 in response to an invitation from the Delhi and District Cricket Association, announces Captain L. Amarnath, Honorary Secretary of the S.P.C.A.

Promising cricket players of Amritsar and Jullundur have been invited to play trial matches at Patiala.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE OF £ 26,000/-

LONDON, Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter).

Second Division football club Preston North End today paid a record transfer fee of between £26,000 and £27,000 to Sheffield Wednesday, another league two club, for inside-forward Eddie Quigley.

The sum paid for quigley exceeds by at least £1,000 the previous record of £25,000 paid by Derby to Manchester United for inside-forward Johnny Morris, last April.

Quigley who requested his transfer last July began as a fullback, made his name as a free scoring centre-forward for Bury and joined Sheffield Wednesday for £12,000 in October 1947.

In two days Preston have spent £44,000 on two players—Quigley and Willy Forbes. Former Wolverhampton winghalf or inside-forward. Both play against Swansea on Saturday.

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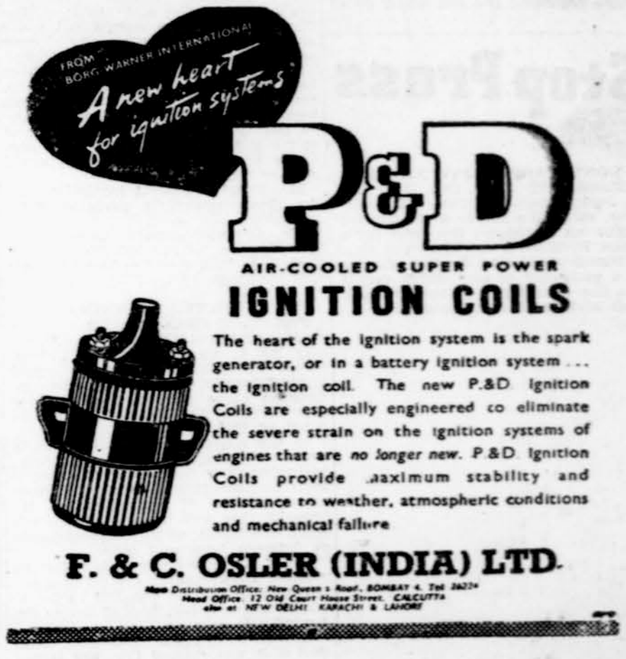
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Active Buying In Steels Towards Close

COTTON MILL SHARES RULE STEADY

Bombay, Dec. 14

The local Share Bazar opened very steady and as soon as the initial demand was satisfied, the market displayed sagging tendency under scattered profit-taking,

The general feeling in the market remains bullish and buyers are looking for higher rates in due course. There are some rumours that recently there had been extensive buying in Tata Steel Defds against sales of option rights. It is also said that some bulls are selling out their extensive holdings of Indian Irons and are now buying Tata Steel Defds. Others who support the market seem to believe that the conversion of Tata Steel Defds into ordinaries on the basis of one to five. Over and above this the market is anticipating further sharp increase in Tata Steel and Iron production for the current month Thus the market is full of bullish enthusiasm but the market is becoming overbought and with approaching holidays, it will be advisable to be cautious.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1515 against yesterday's close at Rs. 1508/12 and improved at Rs. 1517/8 under scattered buying. Thereafter there appeared scattered realising and Defds quietened at Rs. 1502/8. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 312 and after improving at Rs. 313 declined at Rs. 310. Indian Irons opened at Rs. 30/1 and after advancing at Rs. 30/5 quietened at Rs. 30/2.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1087 and declined at Rs. 1075. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 302 and lost three points at Rs. 299. Svadeshi Mill shares opened at Rs. 281 and after gaining one point at Rs. 282 declined at Rs 277 Scindias opened at Rs. 14/10 and quietened at Rs. 14/7.

Later on there was scattered buying and Tata Steel Defds improved at Rs. 1512/8 and Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 311. There was not any anxious buying but the market was very steady.

Towards the close there was renewed buying support and the market quickly responded and with absence of selling, Tata Steel Defds advanced at Rs. 1522/8 and Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 313. Bombay Dyeings improved at Rs. 1085 and Kohinoors hardened at Rs. 303. Closing tone was firm.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES		
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1085	0
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	303	8
Svadeshi Mills (12-4)	281	8
Central India Mills (6)	259	0
Simplex Mills (6-8)	202	0
New Great Eastern (8)	167	0
Indore (8-3)	137	8
Gokak Mills (12)	278	0
Century Spinning (15)	252	0
Swan Mills (20)	315	0
Indian Bleaching (6)	151	0
Finlay Mills (15)	270	0
Morarji Gokuldas (8)	445	0
Edward Sassoon (30)	227	8
Meyer (12)	111	4
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2	15
India United Ord. (0-13-9)	12	5
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	2	0
Madhusudan Mills (15)	175	0
Podar (8)	141	4
Khatau Makanji (5)	171	1
Swadeshi Coupon	68	8
STEEL SHARES		
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	313	8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-13)	1525	0
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	137	4
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (6)	150	8
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (12-8)	328	2
Belapur Sugar (9)	229	0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	35	8
Scindia Steam (0-8)	14	9 6
Premier Construction	98	8
Tata Chemical	13	11
Tata Oil (2)	53	4
Indian Iron (As. 12)	30	4
Bengal Steel (0-12)	22	6
British Indian Corp. (0-9)	9	0
Indian Copper	2	7
Wimco	218	8
Alcock	277	8
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Tata Power (25)	1482	8
Andhra Valley (20)	1407	8
Tata Hydro (3)	153	0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone Mills (5)	60	0
Phoenix (50)	136	4
Indian Mfg.	2920	0
Kurla XD	125	0
Colaba (12)	120	8
New City (11)	185	0
Minerva (12)	137	8
Bradbury (12)	530	0
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	5	0
Bharat Mills (2)	37	0
Mysore (4)	16-	1
Model Mills (12-8)	182	8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	690	0
Vishnu Cotton (8)	226	4
Wadia Mills (40)	2925	1
Standard (15)	227	8
Swadeshi Mills (200)	2860	1
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	16	0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000	1
Tata Mills (2-4)	57	8
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	240	0
New Ahmedabad	195	1
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	32	1
New Union Mills (0-8)	15	14
Madhusudan S (2-8)	35	1
Shrinivas Mills (8)	167	8
Raja Bahadur (4)	62	0
Berar Mills	250	0
Victoria Mills	225	0
ELECTRIC (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	127	8
Ahmedabad New	75	4
Surat Electric	126	14
Karachi Electric (2)	136	14
Broach (0-5)	6	12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	6
Amalgamated (0-12)	12	4
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26	9
Poona Electricity Supply (8)	141	4
Bombay Suburban (3)	149	6
Bombay Suburban New	85	0
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1790	0
Imperial Bank P (8-12)	432	8
Central Bank (1-8)	83	8
Central Bank New (1-8)	84	0
Bank of India (4)	171	0
Union (0-5)	7	6
Baroda (2-8)	121	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	41	0
United Commercial (1-8)	51	0
Jaipur Bank (1-5)	35	8
Hindustan Commercial	17	0
Mysore Bank (8)	305	0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	94	0
INSURANCE SHARES		
Oriental (125)	4250	
Empire (10)	541	4
New India (1-7)	64	0
Jupiter (0-12)	13	0
Vulcan (0-10)	12	0
Indian Mercantile (2)	36	0
Universal (0-4)	11	4
B. I. G. (1)	14	10
Industrial and Prudential	26	8
Neptune	7	0
New Great	25	0
All India General	14	0
RAILWAY SHARES		
C.P. (1-14) XD	113	8
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Steamer (103)	220	0
Bombay Burma New (5)	119	0
Burma Petrol	1	6 6
Mackenzie (6)	77	8
Port Canning (3)	60	0
Kemp and Co. (30)	365	0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125	0
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)	83	0
Dharamsey Chemical (3)	40	0
Mukund Iron	13	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	16	0
Alembic (15)	150	0
Supreme Industries	72	8
Bombay Uganda	67	8
Bombay Motor Cycle	28	0
Indian Cement (1937)	171	4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B. S.)	48	12
United Motor	28	0
Associated Cement New (2)	136	4
Bombay Sale Deposit (27)	880	0
Hydary Construction	19	10
Mahmadi Steam	96	0
Sardar Carbonic X.D.	700	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Gujarat Motor	28	0
Estrella Batteries	30	8
Mahmad Press	120	0
National Rayon	56	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6)	195	0
Andhra Valley (7)	1230	0
Tata Power (7-8)	1305	0
Hydro Electric (7)	130	0
Bombay Steamer (6)	220	0
Central India (5)	655	0
Swedeshi Mills	130	0
Vishnu Mills (7)	650	0
Lakshmi Mills	267	8
Khatau	100	0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220	4
Podar Mills (4)	105	10
Shrinivas Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	105	0
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130	1
Pre. Construction First	100	8
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	97	4
Amalgamated	115	8
Habib	72	9
Tata Chemical	126	4
Walchandnagar	130	0
Jupiter	19	14
Supreme	100	0
Meyer	110	0
Mackenzie (1st)	85	0
Mackenzie (2)	80	0
Ahmedabad Advance	122	8
Mysore Mill	50	8
Standard	99	0
Madhusudan	12	0
Khatau	100	12
Morarji	94	8
National Rayon	74	8
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952	103	8
Gula Kajamsingh	8	9
Rubber Planting	17	0
Bombay Steamer	97	0
Indian Hume Pipe	101	8
Tata Power 1951	103	0
Walchandnagar	105	8
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2	9
New Victoria	2	0
New Victoria 2 (Pref.)	4	4
Palton (8)	120	0
Gold Mohor	302	8
New Kaiser Hind	305	0
Sajjan Mills X.D.	145	0
Osmanshahi (16)	250	0
Azamshahi	280	0
Air Services	4	0
Air India Tata	61	0
Hind Motors	5	2
Indian Steam	7	15

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE
BOMBAY, Dec. 14.

Tata Ordinary	313	8 0
Tata Deferred	1525	0 0
Indian Iron	30	4 0
Steel Corpn. of Bengal	22	6 0
Bombay Dyeing	1085	0 0
Central India	259	6 0
Gokak	278	12 0
Kohinoor	303	12 0
Simplex	202	0 0
Swadeshi	281	14 0
Tata Power	1483	8 0
Associated Cement	150	10 0
Belapur	229	0 0
Bombay Burma (Old)	328	12 0
Scindia	14	9 6
Central Bank	83	8 0
New India	64	12 0
Tata 2nd Pref.	137	8 0

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 14

The local Bullion market was fairly steady today with restricted business. In the absence of any fresh developments professionals are supporting the market but they are not anxious buyers. However when present stocks find their way in consumptive markets, it is feared that bulls will once more try to push up prices.

Posh delivery Silver opened at Rs. 172/12 and after improving at Rs. 172/15 reacted at Rs. 172/12. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 172/6. Posh delivery Gold opened at Rs. 113/4 and after declining at Rs. 112/15 improved at Rs. 113/2. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 114/4 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 76/4.

Final closing quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Ready Silver	172	10	0
Posh	173	2	0
Ready Gold	114	0	0
Posh	113	4	0

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 14

The local Produce market was fairly steady today with moderate business. The market being manipulated by professional operators is not likely to show any marked departure in quotations.

In the meantime the Committee appointed by the Government is making good progress with the work of rules and regulations. Those who are entitled to be members under Government Scheme are requested to send in their applications with the required amount of deposit and fees before the end of the month.

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Quality Receipts	36	13	0
Bold Ready	35	13	0
Bold January	35	12	0
Bold December	35	12	0
Oil Bombay Mills	20	8	0
Oil Up-country Mills	19	15	0
Oil January	19	15	0
Oil February	20	2	0
LINSEED—			
Indore	35	4	0
Bold	35	2	0
February-March	33	12	0
Small	33	14	0
Oil	20	12	0
CASTORSEED—			
January Delivery	24	8	0
Ready	24	8	0

ART SILK YARN
BOMBAY, Dec. 14.

120 Ready Japan	3	13	0
150 Ready Japan	4	5	6
120 Ready Italy	4	9	0
150 Ready Italy	4	5	0
150 D. Box Nov.	862	0	0
150 D. Box Dec.	864	0	0

November opening Rs. 878 Highest Rs. 893 Lowest Rs. 840. Close Rs. 862.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Dec. 14.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	4	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	11	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	9	0
2 1/2 per cent 1960	99	9	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	2	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	96	0	0
3 per cent Con	97	14	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	13	0
3 per cent 1952-55	102	0	0
3 per cent 1957	101	12	0
3 per cent 1959-61	101	6	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	10	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	8	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	2	0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	9	0
3 1/2 per cent 1960-70	110	4	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	101	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	8	3
4 1/2 per cent 1958-66	113	0	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	4	0
3 3/4 per cent C. P 1961	97	1	0
3 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97	1	0
3 per cent Bombay 1.955	100	8	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	8	0
3 per cent U. P 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent C. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.W.F 1953	98	2	0
3 per cent U. P. 1961-68	99	12	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	99	0	0
4 per cent B P T long dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni	109	8	0
5 p.c. Bombay Muni 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bom. Municipality 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent K. P. T. 1956	113	12	0

N. Y. SILVER SALES
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.

Silver: The price continued unchanged and about 50,000 ounces changed hands in routine trade.

LONDON BULLION
LONDON, Dec. 13.

Silver spot and forward both, 64 pence
Gold bars fine per ounce, £ 12:8:0

MARKET RULES STEADY

Calcutta Shares

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14, (PTI):

The market ruled steady and active for the speculative counters and the prices improved satisfactorily.

Following are today's final transactions upto 3.00 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Loan 1986 98/-, Three per cent Loan 1957 101/9, small lot Three per cent Loan 1951/54 100/11, small lot Three per cent Loan 1970/75 100/-, Three per cent Loan 1963/65, 100/5-.

BANKS: Bengal Central 7/5, Calcutta National 12/4, Hind 31/-, Punjab National 27/-, ct.

COTTONS: Bengal Nagpur 17/8, Bowreah Ord. 250/-, Elgin Mills Ordy. 16/12, New Victoria Ord. 2/5.

COALS:—Bengal 506/-, Burrakur 12/12, Central India 5/1, Jainty Central 1/3, Parasea 2/12, Samla Colliery 8/- Talcher 3/-, South Karanpura 28/12 (ex div.) Western Bengal 4/12.

JUTES: Anglo-India 193/-, Barnagore 214/-, Belvedere 249/-, Budge Budge 159/-, Fort Gloster Ordy. 340/-, Howrah 27/4, Kelvin Ordy. 286/-.

ENGINEERINGS: India Steel and Wire Products Ordy. 40/14, Indian Iron and Steel 29/6, Kumardhubi 7/15, Marshalls 6/9, Saran Eng. 7/12, Sodd Lot Steel Corp. 22/6, Textile Machinery 7/7.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 2/8, Indian Copper 2/5, Consolidated Tin As. 14; Tavou Tin As. 11, Karanpura Development 16/-, Dalmia Cement Ordy. 6/4, Sone Valley Cement 5/5, Alkali and Chemical 10/8, Calcutta Electric 15/15, BIC Ordy. 9/-, Indian Aluminium 137/-, F and C Osler 5/12, Indian National Airways 3/14, Jardine Henderson 142/-, Martin Burn 15/13, National Tobacco 17/15 Rohtas Industry Ordy. 5/1, British Burma Petrol 1/5, Bengal Paper Ordy. 42/-, Mysore Paper 9/8, Shree Gopal Paper 10/6, Titaghur Paper 34/8, Midnapore Zamindary 63/-, India Steamship 7/15.

SUGARS: Carew and Co. 9/2, Darbhanga 10/2, Purtabore 9/15, Gwalior 50/12.

TEAS: Bateli 13/4, Baghmari 14/8, Dufflagaur 27/-, ct. Hantapra 181/-, Huldibari 22/10, Tengpani 18/1, Hattikhira 12/- Loobah 3/12, Jutlibari 11/8.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, December 15, (PTI).

Following are todays quotations in the Madras stock exchange:

GOVERNMENT LOANS: Three per cent 1963/65 100/9, Three per cent Paper 97/10, Three per cent 1970/75 100/2, Three per cent 1966/68 100/6, Government of Travancore Three per cent 1952/54 100/12, Government of Madras, 3 per cent 1986 100/2, Three per cent 1960 100/16.

BANKS: Travancore 13/4.

ELECTRICS: South Arcot 94 -.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan Ixr Mysore 41/8, Mysore 41/8, (c. d) Travancore 6/8.

PLANTINGS: Cochin Malabar 4/8,

TEXTILES: Balasubramania 37/-, Periakaramalai 23/4, Pullangode 1/3, Thirumbadi 1/12/6, T R and T Co. 5/2 Valkundam 5/7, Waterfall 2/8.

Bangalore Woollen 223/8, Buckingham 151/4, Cambodia 10/12, Buckingham pref. 189/-, Coimbatore cm 126/8, Coimbatore Pioneer 109/-, Coimbatore Spg. cd. 48/-, Janardhana 55/-, Lakshmi 61/-, Madura 38/4, Mettur 315/-, Mysore Spun 5/14, Pankaja 86/8, Radha Krishna 148/-, Rajalakshmi 62/-, Ranga Vilas 48/-, Trav Rayons 4/6, Trichinopoly 9/13.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 67/- F A C T 4/9/6, India Cement 17/11, Mettur Chem. 5/13, Mysore Chem and Ferts 7/8, Mysore Paper 10/-.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May delivery is 1350 cent points below New York May delivery.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 13.

KARNAK	
January	78.65—35
March	75.50—60
May	75.60—60
ASHMOUNI	
December	77.05—25
February	76.20—15
April	74.60—35

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 14.

MILLS

Apollo 2-15 2-15-6 2-15
Bharat 32 35 34-12 37
B. Dyeing 1087-8 73-12 85
Bradbury 525 30
C. India 259 64 53-8 59-8 59
Century 250 51-4 48-12 52
Colaba 120 20-8
Dawn 58
E. Textiles 226-4 27-8
Finley 270 68 71 68-8 70
Gokak 274 73 75-8 72-8 78
I. U. Defd 1-15-2 1-15 2
I. U. Ord. 12-2 12-4 11-15-8 12-5
Indore 127-8 37-8 32-8 35 33-12 38-12 37-8
Kohinoor 301 4 1-8 3 299 303 300 4-8 3-8
Mever 111-4 12-8 11-4
Model 182-8
New City 185
Morarji 454
New Great 163 67
Podar 148-4 41-4
Srinivas 167-8
Simplex 194 95-8 92 202
Swadeshi 281 82 77 81-8
Swan 315 21 15
Swadeshi Pref. 130
Tata Mills 60
Vishnu 228 4 (Ex-Div.)
B Steam 220
Scindia 14-9 14-11 14-6-6 14-10 14-9-6
Baroda 121
Central 84 83-8 84 83-8
Central New 84-8 84
Imperial 1795 92-8 97-8 85 90
India 172 71
Union 7-7 7-6
U. Comm. 48 51
Ahmedabad Electric 126/14 27/8
Andhra 1402/8 7/8
Surat 126/14
Tata Hydro 153
Tata Hydro Pref. 128/12 30
Tata Power 1480 82/8
B.I.G. 14/10
Jupiter 13
New India 66/8 64 64/8
Vulcan 12
Bengal 22/8 22/9 22/2 22/6
I. Iron 30/1 30/6 30/2 30/4
Tata Defd 1512/8 18/12 2/8 25
Tata Ord 312 13/8 9/8 13/8
Tata 2nd Pref 137/8 37 37/4
Alcock 282/8 75 77/8
A.C.C. 150/8 51 49/8 50/8
Belapur 227 28/8 26 27 26 29
B B Old 330 27/8 28/2 27/8 28/2
B B New 119
Petrol 1/7 1/6/4
B.I.C 9 8/15 9
Dharamshi 40
I Bleaching 150 51/8 51
Copper 2/7/8 2/6/6 2/7
P Construction 99 100 97 98/8
Shivraipur 35/8 35 36 35/8
Tata Chemical 14/4 13/6 13/11
Tata Chemical Pref 130 27/8
Tata Oil 53 56 53/4
Walchandnagar 148/12
Wimco 222/8 20 22/8 18/12

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad New 75/4
Jupiter Pref 13/4
Swadeshi Coupon 67/8 68/8

NEW YORK COTTON

Short Covering In New Crop Months

NEW YORK, Dec. 13

COTTON: Prices were generally lower initially featured by scattered hedges and liquidation with new crops showing extreme losses reflecting uncertainties in connection with crop controls, also future price supports and foreign aid funds. Later the list steadied on mill buying and covering in new crops probably based on technical considerations. The market latterly was influenced by persistent dribbles of mill buying and scattered covering. The continued firmness of securities was a contributing factor. Otherwise no fresh developments occurred. The session closed steady with sales estimated at 170,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

December	30.21	+01
March	30.16	
May	30.00	—02
July	29.51	+01
October	27.93	+09
Middling Spot	30.83	+01

New York Cotton March highest 30.19 at 12.54 p.m. Lowest 30.10 at 10-18 a.m.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

December	30.13	+03
March	30.12	+04
May	29.97	
July	29.43	+02
Middling Spot	29.70	

WALL STREET MARKET

Industrials Reach New Peak Level

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.

Although news continued mainly encouraging, the initial activity and gains upto one dollar attracted heavier profittaking and many buyers appeared to back away to allow some correction. Midday changes were fractionally either way. Superior oil were aided by the news of a special stockholders meeting on December 29th to consider a remunerative dissolution plan.

The averages were industrials 196.02 and rails 51.04 Pressure slackened in the afternoon when the bull group gave renewed support and the market responded to show liberally distributed gains ranging to one dollar or more.

Low and medium issues led a rally particularly among motors, rubbers, rails, aircrafts, chemicals and utilities. Increased activity was shown in a turnover at the end of the fourth-hour of 1,510,000 shares. The session finished at or around the day's best. The industrial average closed at a new 1949 peak. The market closed firm.

American Telephone and Telegraph exdividend	146	1/2
Amerex Holding Co	32	
Anaconda Copper Mining	28	
Chase National Bank	34	5/8
Firestone Tyre	54	
General Electric	42	1/4
General Motors	70	1/4
Ingersoll Rand	67	3/4
International Nickel of Canada "A"	27	5/8
National City Bank of New York	42	1/2
New York Central Railroad	10	3/8
Sinclair Corporation	23	1/4
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16	1/2
Texas Corporation	61	1/2
Union Carbide	44	3/4
U.S. Smelting and Refining	40	1/2
U.S. Steel Common	26	3/8
Western Union "A"	18	1/4

The volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 2,080,300 shares Highest and lowest U.S. steel trading prices were 26-3/8 and 26-1/8 respectively.

Excellent Export Demand In Chicago Market

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.

CHICAGO GRAINS: Advanced sharply reflecting renewed export inquires for United States grains and continued cold weather in Western United States. The export department was active with Mexico expected to take one million bushels wi today, Norway inquiring for 375,000 bushels wheat. Spain requested offers on two million bushels soft redwheat while France is reportedly marketing for maize and Australia for barley.

CHICAGO WHEAT

December	2.22-3/4
March	2.21-1/2
May	2.15-3/8
July	1.96-7/8

NEW YORK PEPPER EASIER

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, (PTI-Reuter):

BLACK PEPPER: Black pepper was a shade easier today with spots offered at 1.32 dollars per poundweight Prices locally still remain below those in India. Following are today's closing prices:—Black Pepper: spot 1.32 asked December 1.35 asked. January 1.27 asked March 1.19 bid. May 1.16 nominal July 1.16 nominal, September 1.12 nominal, October 1.10 nominal, White Pepper spot 2.55 asked.

LONDON PEPPER DULL
LONDON, Dec. 13.

The London pepper market was dull with an abatement in buying interest Black lampong December shipment was reduced to 9sh. 5d per pound asked and White Muntok and Sarawak to 16 sh. shipping c.i.f. basis ports Malabar in near position was steady but forward shipment was cheaper with December valued at 990 shillings January 985 and January/March at 980 shillings per cwt. c.i.f. Ninkingdom

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES
SINGAPORE, Dec. 13.

Sellers expedown price of black lampong was lowered 10 dollars to 515 dollars per picul while White Muntok held unchanged at 880 today in a very quiet and featureless market.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
LONDON, December 13.

2-1/2 p.c British consols	£ 70-1/4
3-1/2 p.c. Conversion loan, 1961.	£ 93-7/8
4 p.c. Funding loan 1960/90	£ 107
3-1/2 p.c War loan on or after Dec. 1, 1952	£ 92-7/8
Chartered Bank of India,	£ 10-3/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank,	£ 88-1/2
National Bank of India,	£ 33

Transactions on the London stock exchange are officially placed at 5,905.

COLLAPSE IN ALIZARINE DYES

BOMBAY, Dec. 14.

After a sharp rise in the rates, markets collapsed for some of the speculative items during the middle of the week. Alizarine having touched the level of Rs. 210 per cwt. went down to Rs. 160 per cwt. then gradually improved to Rs. 165 per cwt. The item of Green B 3200 having advanced upto Rs. 195 per lb, went down to Rs. 160. Today 165. Congo H. Dark is one of the chief item of speculation. Having touched the level of Rs. 6 it went down to Rs. 4-12 but gradually improved due to buying from "Teji Group" it has come to Rs. 5-4.

CHEMICALS:—Zinc Dust went to to Rs. 350 per cwt. and came down to Rs. 150 per cwt. Gradual improvement has brought it to Rs. 175 per cwt. Bisulphite of Soda touched the level of Rs. 140 and went down to Rs. 75 and gradual improvement has brought it to the level of Rs. 85 per cwt.

RANGOLITE: This has been one of the popular items for consumers and speculators. It went up to Rs. 8 per lb. and due to he reaction it came down to Rs. 4 per lb. but scattered enquiries have again brought this item to the level of Rs. 5-8.

ANILINE SALT: Though this item is dull in the market at the moment, but it is likely to improve in the near future.

DYES AND CHEMICALS
From Chatrabhuj K. Mavji

SAPTHOLS			
CAS	10	4	0
CBO	15	8	0
CSW	15	12	0
CBS	13	8	0
CSG	20	8	0
Fast Scarlet CKRC Base	12	8	0
Fast Scarlet CKR Base	11	8	0
Fast Red CB Base	14	8	0
Fast Red CKCR Base	12	8	0
Fast Garnet CKGBC Base	5	8	0
Fast Yellow CGC Base	8	8	0
Fast Corinth CB Base	10	8	0
Fast Orange CKCR Base	8	8	0
Fast Orange CGC Base	11	8	0
Fast Bordeaux CGP Base	18	8	0
Fast Bordeaux CGP Salt	8	0	0
Fast Scarlet CKR Salt	6	12	0
Fast Blue CB Salt	7	8	0
DIRECT COLOUR			
Direct Black Extra	5	0	0
Direct Green Extra	6	8	0
Direct Violet Extra	6	0	0
Direct Yellow 4GL	13	0	0
Direct Sky Blue Extra	10	8	0
Direct Rubin	6	0	0
Direct Orange Extra	8	0	0
Direct Brown	5	8	0
Diazo Black Extra	5	8	0
Chrysophenine G Extra	12	12	0
Benzopurpurine 4B	6	0	0
Congo Red H Dark	5	4	0
Tarquoise Blue G	20	0	0
Delta Purpurine 5B Conc.	10	0	0
SULPHUR COLOURS			
Sulphur Black 692	3	0	0
Sulphur Black 992	2	12	0
Sulphur Black HK Grains	3	0	0
Alizarine 20 p.c. Paste	165	0	0
Alizarine 100 p.c. Powder	8	4	0
ACID BASIC AND OTHERS			
Methylene Blue Extra s	7	0	0
Metanil Yellow Elephant	3	4	0
Metanil Yellow Extra	8	4	0
Methyl Violet Lumps	5	0	0
Punkaj Magenta MCK Lumps	8	0	0
Magenta Extra O	10	0	0
Diamond Green	9	0	0
Bismark Brown Extra	5	0	0
Chrosodine Extra	4	0	0
Malachite Green Crystals	9	0	0
Auramine Extra	9	4	0
Acid Orange Extra	5	8	0
Acid Scarlet	5	8	0
Kumkum Scarlet	8	4	0
Soap Green	20	0	0
Rhodamine B Extra 500 p.c	24	0	0
VAT FAST DYES			
Vat Blue GCD Powder	41	0	0
Vat Blue RSN Powder	43	8	0
Vat Blue Dark Blue BO	38	0	0
Vat Blue Brlt. Green B 900	40	0	0
Vat Blue Brlt. Green B2100 Powder	95	0	0
Vat Blue Brlt. Green B 3200	165	0	0
Vat Magenta B Powder	45	0	0
Yellow 5G	52	0	0
Vat Olive Green B Powder	30	0	0
Vat Olive Gray Powder	20	0	0
Vat Red Brown	20	0	0
Vat Violet 4R Powder	70	0	0
Vat Violet 2R	85	0	0
Vat Pink R	70	0	0
PRINTING COLOURS			
Printosol O Conc.	18	0	0
Printosol CO 4B	29	0	0
Golden Yellow	65	0	0
Printosol Green Paste	55	0	0
Rapid Red	19	0	0
Orange	18	0	0
Yellow	18	0	0
Indigo 60 p.c. Grains	4	10	0
Indigo 60 p.c. Grains 1 lb. pkg.	5	4	0
CHEMICALS			
Bisulphite of Soda	85	0	0
Turkey Red Oil	48	0	0
Monopol Napthol Soap	48	0	0
Saitric Acid	195	0	0
Soda Bicarb	21	8	0
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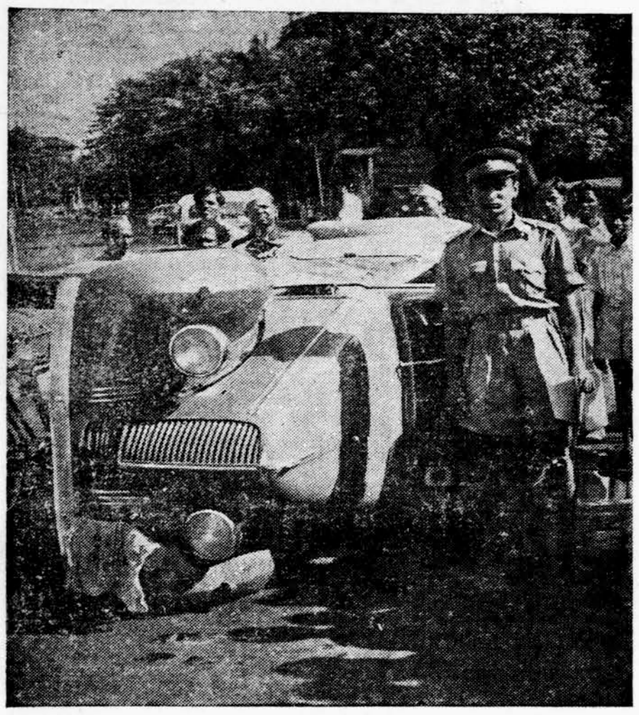

A serious motor accident occurred this afternoon at the Junction of Mayo Road and the Cooperage Road. An Austin Car B.M.W. 1174 driven along Cooperage Road collided against a Hillman Minx B.M.X. 461, which turned over on its side as shown in the photo. Both drivers escaped unhurt.

STEPS TO MEET COTTON SHORTAGE

8 Lakh Bales To Be Imported: Ceiling For Export

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (PTI).

THE Government of India have decided to allow import of 8,00,000 bales of cotton from various countries including hard currency areas to meet the shortage of cotton, it was announced here today.

Of this quantity, 2,20,000 bales have already been secured from East Africa by bulk purchase jointly with the United Kingdom Raw Cotton Commission.

The quantity proposed to be imported is substantially larger than normal imports, which have been of the order of 6,00,000 bales per year. The foreign exchange position will be kept under review; and if possible, further allocation of exchange will be made for the import of a larger quantity of cotton.

India's requirements of cotton for the next year are estimated to be about 40 lakh bales, of which about 26 lakh bales are expected to be available from local production. The carry-over with the Indian mills is stated to be nearly 13 lakh bales. With the import of eight lakh bales, therefore, it is hoped the requirements of Indian textile mills would be met, even if there is no supply of cotton from Pakistan.

In this connection, the Government of India have assured the cotton textile industry that a reasonable price for cotton imported from the various areas will be recognised in fixing the prices of cotton textiles, so that the industry may have no difficulty in utilising the imported cotton.

At the same time, the price of cotton textiles to the consumer will also be kept under consideration, and suitable measures will be devised to counteract increase in price to the consumer, if any, due to the larger use of imported cotton.

2 LAKH CEILING FOR EXPORT

CALCUTTA: A quantitative ceiling of two lakh bales has been fixed for export of all varieties (viz., Assam, Comilla, Bengal deshi and Mathia) of raw cotton during 1949-50, according to a press note issued here today by the Deputy Controller of Exports and Imports, Government of India.

Within this overall quota, Assam and Comilla varieties of raw cotton will continue to be licensed freely for export to all permissible destinations from Calcutta, while Bengal deshi, and Mathias will be licensed for export only to hard currency countries.

Intending exporters are informed, the note adds, that as exports are likely to be stopped as soon as the ceiling is reached they should not enter long term commitments with their overseas buyers which they may not be able to fulfil owing to the imposition of the overall limit.

NEWS BRIEFS

COLLEGE ORDERED TO BE CLOSED

The authorities of the Khalsa college, Amritsar, ordered the suspension of the quarterly examinations soon after it commenced on Wednesday following incidents when striking students of the college prevented others from entering the examination hall. The college was ordered to be closed till January 3.

RAJASTHAN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

The foundation of a water works scheme which would supply 3,00,000 gallons of water per day to the residents of Partabgarh in the southernmost parts of Rajasthan was laid by the Rajasthan Transport Minister, Mr. Baurellal Baya. The scheme will cost approximately Rs. 5,00,000/-, and will, after completion, make available an adequate quantity of drinking water to some other areas in the neighbourhood as well where there is a general scarcity of water.

REPORT CONTRADICTED

Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Minister for Public Works, on Wednesday denied rumours that the Nirasagar water supply scheme for Dharwar and Hubli towns was going to be dropped. He said that all possible effort would be made to expedite its completion.

The Government Cloth Shop at the New India Assurance Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, will be closed down with effect from December 15, 1949.

CARTOON FORFEITED

The Government of Madras, by a notification under section 19 of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931, has forfeited to His Majesty, every block, wherever found, of the cartoon depicting a scene in the village of Ellamarru in Krishna District and entitled "Is this the Ram Rajyam that Gandhiji dreamt".

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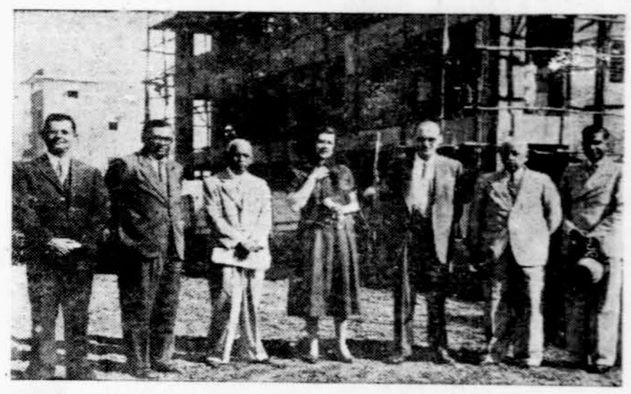


Mr. David Morse, Director-General of the I.L.O. and Mrs. Morse visited Government Construction Works at Khar and Goregaon, where the party is photographed.

INDIA'S 'DRINK-MORE-TEA' DRIVE IN U. S.

Suggestions To Maximise Exports To New World

BOMBAY, Wednesday (PTI).

INDIA has launched a "Produce-More-Drink-More-Tea" drive. This campaign, sponsored by the recently established Indian Central Tea Board, is directed mainly towards the traditionally coffee-drinking people of the United States and Canada.

As the world's largest exporter of tea, India is also interested in stabilising her position and, strange though it may appear, devaluation has helped her in no small measure.

India exported to the United States and the hard currency areas about 34,000,000 pounds of tea last year, compared with about 32,000,000 pounds during the first nine months of this year.

India's total exports for the year 1948 were about 410,000,000 pounds worth Rs. 600,000,000. Her internal consumption was 150,000,000 pounds.

September, the month of devaluation, saw tea exports soar up to a value of Rs. 74,000,000. This was a peak month for tea exports, as the second flush crop was exported during that month. In October, tea exports were valued at Rs. 63,800,000.

FURTHERING EXPORTS

With an estimated annual production of nearly 600,000,000 pounds this year, India's exports are expected to reach a peak figure of 435,000,000 pounds.

The Indian Central Tea Board plans to further raise exports to 442,000,000 pounds in 1950—132 per cent of the standard export quota, according to the international regulation scheme of the International Tea Market Expansion Board.

The Indian Central Tea Board has recommended to the Indian Government several measures which, it considers, will make tea more popular in the "new world", in turn producing more dollars for India's capital requirements.

The Board's recommendations were that the existing rate of cess per 100 pounds tea should be raised from Rs. 1-10 to Rs 2; and the additional amount accruing from the increased cess should be utilised for raising the present contribution to the International Tea Market Expansion Board which proposes to spend larger amounts for propaganda in the United States for popularising tea.

U.S. BACKING

Backing the Indian "Drink-More-Tea" campaign will be the United States Tea Association which intends raising a fund of 750,000 dollars for popularising tea. This fund is to be collected by a levy of one cent per pound of tea imported into the United States. If this plan materialises, the International Tea Market Expansion Board will contribute an equal amount.

India is now assured of more effective control in the management of the International Board due to certain revisions made in the articles of association of the Board at the suggestion of the Government of India and the Indian Central Tea Board. India will wield the largest voting strength on the International Board and will have one Indian representative on its executive staff which till now consisted of non-Indians.

India today has over 850,000 acres under tea cultivation with about a million people employed in the industry.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

THE British Sun-bathing Association has been the cause of some revelations. They had a conference at which the delegates were extremely shy and would only let their backs be photographed. Just fancy, bashful nudists! It is like the shrinking chorus. And all this turning their backs on the camera, in spite of their being heavily coated and muffled. As one who has a certain experience of sun-bathing—my neighbour is a strong enthusiast for Nature Cure—I must say that this is very bad, mentally and morally. To go from nudity to the other extreme is a sure way of courting trouble. And I am convinced that the men's clothes in the West are responsible for the interest in nudism. If there had been some sensible modification, leaving greater freedom to the limbs, I am sure there would have been no "sun-bathing" association and no overdressing afterwards.

Look at the women. The overseas secretary lamented that the society had the overwhelming support of men and a "woeful lack of support from the feminine sex". Surely this explains everything, or should explain. Can you imagine a sun-bathing society in India? I do not mean any small body which is acting in imitation of the West but a genuine indigenous movement. Certainly not. We owe this healthy attitude to the dhoti, that much-abused nether garment. Since it is the fashion to advise the other fellow, I pass the tip to my friends in Europe: If they want to get nudism out of their system, then they must change men's dress to something much more informal. Why not they try the dhoti? After all, we have taken to the bush-shirt and they might return us the compliment by taking the dhoti from us. Not only will this unite East and West, it will satisfy one of my pet whims. For I think that this combination will stay—bush-shirt and dhoti. The reason? Elementary, my dear Watson, it is the only costume which allows access to every part of one's anatomy. And that is no mean consideration in a world where one of the few remaining pleasures is, in the words of the inimitable Ogden Nash, that "when you itch, you up and scratch."

DOUBLING FOOD PRODUCTION

Dodd Wants 50 m. Dollars To Teach How

OTTAWA, Dec. 14, (PTI-Reuter): Mr Norris Dodd, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, says with 50,000,000 dollars a year from the United Nations he could teach the starving areas of the world how to double their food production.

THE FUND SWELLS

LUCKNOW, Dec. 14. (UPI): The total collections in the Zamindari Abolition Fund are now estimated to be much above five crores of rupees.

All the tenants of two more villages in Muzzaffarnagar District have acquired "Bhumidari" rights by paying ten times their rent to the fund.

LAND FOR THE TILLERS

Orissa Accepts Congress Recommendations

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (PTI).

The Government of Orissa has endorsed the recommendations of the Congress Agrarian Reforms Committee, it is learnt from Congress sources here.

Mr. Harekrishna Mehtab, Premier of Orissa, in a letter to the Secretary of the Congress, has described the recommendations as "a picture of the ideal conditions following the abolition of Zamindari and in so many ways similar to those made by the Land Revenue and Tenure Committee appointed by Orissa Government".

The Congress Agarrian Reforms Committee, had recommended the liquidation of intermediaries in the agrarian economy of the country and transference of the ownership of the land to the tillers such as have been cultivating it continuously for a period of six years.

Bribery Case Against Vindhya Ex-Minister

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 14.

The Rajprakmukh of Vindhya Pradesh,it is understood, recently ordered the prosecution of Raja Shivbahadur Singh, former Minister for Commerce and Industries, Vindhya Pradesh.

The hearing of the case commenced on December 8 at Rewa in the Court of Mohan Prasad Varma, Special Judge appointed to hear it.

The defence counsel wanted three months' time to study the case and contended that the Court had no jurisdiction to try the case.

The request for time was not granted but December 30 was fixed as the date for hearing the objection regarding the court's jurisdiction to try the accused.

The accused stands charged with accepting a bribe of Rs. 50,000 at Constitution House, New Delhi. The accused was asked to furnish bail of Rs. 1,00,000 which he offered to do.

Money Orders To Pakistan

REMITTER TO BE PAID BACK

BOMBAY, Wednesday, (UPI): The Government of India have decided, with immediate effect, to liberate internally, the money, which was held up due to the suspension of postal money services between the two Dominions of India and Pakistan from September 20, as a sequel power, as the provisions governing to the loss of parity between India's and Pakistan's currency due to the devaluation of the Indian rupee and non-devaluation of the Pakistan rupee, United Press of India learns here reliably.

Instructions, it is understood, are being issued by the Central Government, so that the postal money orders addressed from India to Pakistan, which were held up by the Indian Postal Authorities, and were not allowed to go to Pakistan, will now be cancelled, and the money will be paid back to the remitter in India.

The Government of Pakistan is also expected to issue similar instructions in this regard.

PAKISTAN OFFICIAL FOR NEW YORK

To Participate In Kashmir Debate

KARACHI, Dec. 14, (PTI-Reuter): Chaudhuri Mohammad Ali, Secretary-General to the Government of Pakistan, left Karachi this morning by a K.L.M. plane for Amsterdam enroute to New York where he would be present when the U.N.C.I.P. report is taken up for discussion by the United Nations Security Council.

Mr. Mohammad Ali is scheduled to arrive in New York on Friday, December 16.

ALLOCATION OF STAFF TO ANDHRA

Talks In Madras

MADRAS, Dec. 14, (PTI): Questions relating to the allocation of staff between the proposed Andhra Province and the residuary Madras Province were discussed today by the Establishment and Services Sub-committee of the Partition Council appointed by the Government with the departmental heads concerned.

The Sub-Committee is expected to complete its work by the end of this week so as to submit its report to the Partition Council meeting on December 21.

NO AGREEMENT ON VOTING PERCENTAGE

Feeler From French India Scotched

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (UPI): There is absolutely no confirmation from official circles here of the statement which M. Goubert, leader of the French India Socialist Party, is reported to have made in Pondicherry to the effect that both Indian and French Governments have agreed that 51 per cent of registered voters in the French settlements should take part for a valid referendum on the issue of merger with India.

The suggestion on the above lines was characterised here as a mere "feeler" inspired by an interested party. As a matter of fact, there seems to be no disposition on the part of the Government of India to accede to any such suggestion about participation of a certain percentage of registered voters for determination of the issue of the referendum, it was authoritatively stated here today.

More Ammonia From U. S. S. R.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14, (UPI): The Government of India have agreed to purchase an additional 50,000 tons of sulphate of ammonia from the U.S.S.R. it was learnt here today.

Under an earlier agreement made in September this year, India was to receive 30,000 tons of sulphate of ammonia. The whole of this quantity has already arrived.

BRITAIN'S STERLING RESERVES WITH U.S.

American Bankers Suggest 5-Year Part Liquidation

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter): More than twenty prominent American bankers and industrialists tonight suggested that the United States could pay off in dollars 15 per cent of Britain's blocked sterling balances over a 5-year period.

Their suggestion was made in the report of a Study Group on monetary reconstruction formed by the United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce.

The report recommended the immediate "constructive reorganisation of the British war created debt, now represented by blocked sterling balances". It said that reorganisation of this debt would be a major factor in justification of further Marshall aid.

The group's chairman was Mr. William A. Mitchell, President of the Central Trust Company of Cincinatti, Ohio.

In a foreword to the report, he said that the group's discussions had made it "increasingly apparent that solution of Britain's sterling balances in favour of India, Egyut, Eire and other countries "must take priority in many of the other steps toward recovery which can be intiated with confidence by Great Britain and her continental neighbours."

Nehru To Address Pacifists

NAGPUR: Dec. 14, (PTI): Prime Minister Pandit Nehru is expected to address the pacifists on December 31 at Sevagram, where the world pacifists are meeting from December 24 in a seven day Conference.

Disputed Area At Mouth Of Mathabhanga River

PAKISTAN'S CONTENTION BEFORE TRIBUNAL

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14. (UPI).

THE second point of dispute between the Dominion of India and the Dominion of Pakistan was taken up by the Bagge Tribunal at its resumed sitting today.

This relates to about 35 square miles of land in between the districts of Madia (West Bengal) and Rajshahi (Eastern Pakistan) concerning the head of the river Mathabhanga where it takes off from the river Ganges and enters the district of Nadia. Sir Cyril Radcliffe had taken the boundary line as running between the district of Rajshahi and Nadia to a point in the north-western corner of the district of Nadia where the channel of the river Mathabhanga takes off from the river Ganges.

The other end of the disputed boundary is the northern-most point where the channel of the Mathabhanga river reaches the boundary between the thanas of Daulattur and Karimpur in the district of Rajshahi. Pakistan is claiming the entire Daulattur Thana, while India claims that the west of the mouth of the Mathabhanga belongs to India according to the award of Sir Cyril Radcliffe.

DIVERGENCE

Opening his case first, the counsel for Pakistan, Mr. W. W. Page, submitted that the middle line of the channel of the river Mathabhanga was to remain the boundary between the Dominions of India and Pakistan, subject only to such geographical variation as might result from any change occurring in the course of the river Mathabhanga. The Government of Pakistan also submitted that there was divergence between the boundaries as described in the annexure of the award and as delineated in the map by Sir Cyril. The channel of the river Mathabhanga as shown in the map was incorrect and so the description must prevail, and not the line as demarcated in the map. The map was annexed only for the purpose of illustration.

Mr. Page did not know wherefrom Sir Cyril got his map, but they knew that there was no authorised map before him. Mr. Page also submitted that on and from the year 1900 the river Mathabhanga shifted to the Jalangi entrance—another tributary of the river Ganges—and after that there had been very little deviation or variation in the course of the river Mathabhanga.

Mr. Justice Aiyer wanted to know from Mr. Page whether the latter could show from the annual river report of 1925 that the river Mathabhanga shifted to the Jalangi entrance.

Before Mr. Page could finish his argument, the Court rose for the day.

MADRAS ZAMINDARI COMPENSATION

Amending Bill

MADRAS, Dec. 14. (PTI): The Madras Government have today published a bill amending the Estates Abolition Act of 1948 "to ensure the payment of Rs. 12-1/2 crores as compensation for zamindari estates in the Province".

Explaining the object of the amendment, the Revenue Minister, Mr. H. Sitarama Reddi, stated: "If after the amounts of all zamindari estates have been finally determined, the aggregate of such amounts falls short of Rs. twelve and half crores, an amount equal to the sum by which the aggregate so falls short will be distributed among the estates pro rate"

The bill also provides for advance payment of a portion of compensation.

The Minister stated that as survey and settlement of the estates in accordance with ryotwari principles would take some years, it had been provided in the amendment for the payment of a portion of compensation in advance at once.

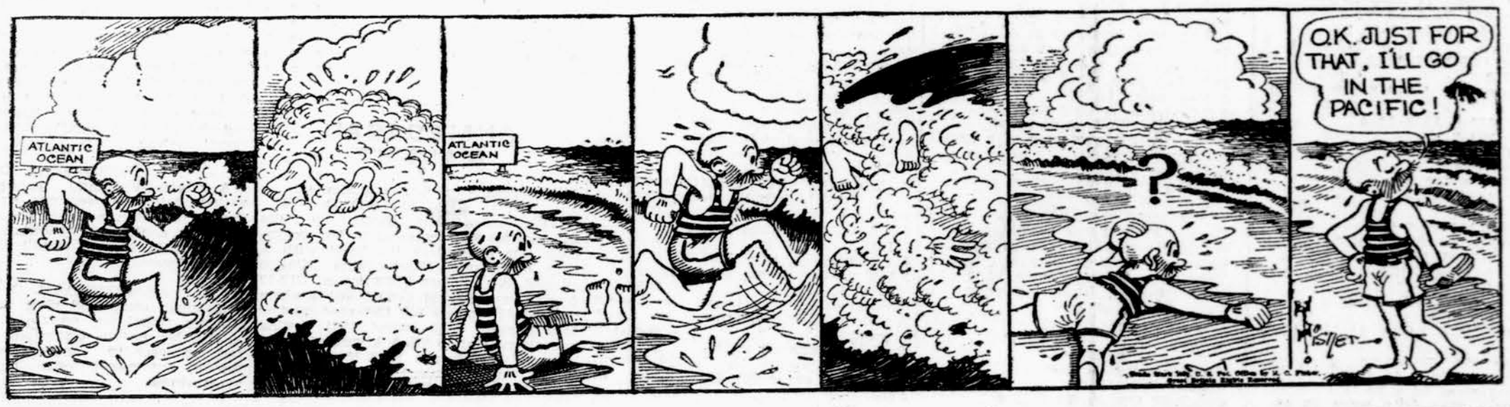
A rough estimate would be made of the compensation payable in respect of each estate as soon as it was notified, and one half of the amount so estimated would be paid to the present holders and that amount would be adjusted towards the compensation as finally determined under the act.

East Punjab Talks With Himachal Pradesh

SIMLA, Dec. 14, (UPI): Discussions between the Government of East Punjab and Himachal Pradesh regarding the handing over of Asjauli, Kasumpti, and Chakkar to the former have been concluded and the matter has now been referred to the Ministry of States for decision, it is learnt.

It is understood that the Himachal Pradesh Government does not object to handing over of these enclaves to East Punjab on certain conditions one of which is the inclusion of East Punjab enclaves in Himachal Pradesh.

MUTT AND JEFF—One Down And Three Thousand Miles To Go — By BUD FISHER



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